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INTENDED FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

There is attached a photostatic copy of a pamphlet reflecting on its title page "Department of Justice Memo For League of American Writers; Strictly Confidential; From the Secret Files of the FBI", published and distributed by the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, with National Headquarters at 631 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut. The material set forth in the pamphlet, it will be observed, constitutes a reproduction of the information distributed by the Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations to the various Government agencies for the purpose of assisting in administratively handling investigations conducted under the provisions of Public Laws No. 135 and 644, 77th Congress.

You may recall on November 16, 1942, I forwarded you a copy of a similar publication entitled "Department of Justice Memo - Re: National Negro Congress", which was also distributed by the Constitutional Educational League. As then pointed out the League has published various pamphlets criticising The Union For Democratic Action, The Communist Party, The Council For Democracy, The Friends of Democracy and other organizations. Most of the material emanating from this organization appears to be written under the name of Joseph P. Kamp, its Executive Vice Chairman. (File 61-10355-204)

As you know this Bureau is currently conducting an investigation of this organization on Departmental authorization to determine whether the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, may be operating in violation of the Registration Act for 1933 as amended.

The above is being called to your attention for your information.

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Reference is made to the attached pamphlet reflecting on its title page "Department of Justice Memo Re: League of American Writers; Strictly Confidential; From the Secret Files of the FBI", and your inquiry "Just what is this all about?"

For your information the pamphlet in question is published by the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, which has its National Headquarters at 831 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut. Most of the material submitted from this organization is written under the name of Joseph P. Kamp, its Executive Vice Chairman. The purposes of the League are reported to be to develop facts concerning the workings of the Communists and other alien movements and to disseminate this information through every known means of public expression, including newspapers and magazines, speakers and the radio. Numerous publications have been prepared and distributed by the League, some of them being:

- "Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America" (1937).
- "The Hell of Herrin....Rages Again" (1937).
- "Headlines and What's Behind Them" (1939).
- "The Fifth Column in Washington" (1940).
- "The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America" (1941).
- "Why Win the War and Lose What We Are Fighting For" (1942).
- "Famine in America" (1943).

On Departmental authorization an investigation has been made for some time of the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, to determine if it may be operating in violation of the Registration Act of 1938 as amended. This inquiry is continuing at this time.

You may recall that in November, 1942, a similar pamphlet was received entitled "Department of Justice Memo Re: National Negro Congress" which was a reproduction of material distributed by the Interdepartmental Committee to the various Government Agencies to assist them in administratively handling cases conducted under Public Law No. 644, 77th Congress. It is noted that the information concerning the League of American Writers reflected in the attached pamphlet

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~~follows the exact wordage of the Interdepartmental Committee's write-up of this Organization and which was similarly made available to outside Federal Agencies. The statement, that the League of American Writers founded by the Congress of American Revolutionary Writers was an organization within the scope of the Congressional Mandate, was distributed to other Federal Agencies by the Committee's release dated May 12, 1942.~~

There is attached subject to your approval, a memorandum for the Attorney General forwarding a photostatic copy of this pamphlet inasmuch as the information contained therein apparently came from the Interdepartmental Committee by reason of its release to other Agencies of the Federal Government.

Respectfully,


D. M. Ladd

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., ET AL;
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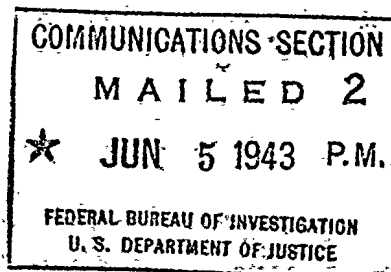
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. Paul McWhorter, dated May 22, 1943, at New York, in connection with the captioned case. From this report it is noted that an investigation of John Bross Lloyd has failed to indicate that he is other than a loyal American citizen or that he is in any way acting as an agent of a foreign principal. However, it is noted that numerous leads are set forth for the Chicago, Boston and New York Field Divisions.

Although the leads for the Chicago Field Division to ascertain the source of certain checks received by Lloyd and to ascertain his income ordinarily would prove of investigative value in Registration Act cases, it is not believed that there is any necessity for covering them in this particular case due to the previous information developed. The Chicago Field Division is, therefore, instructed to disregard all leads set out for it in the referenced report.

The Boston Field Division is likewise instructed to disregard the leads to determine the relationship between Lloyd and Michael D. Reilly and Edward Stone of Lee, Massachusetts. Since Lloyd is not a main subject in the case the determining of the activities of his associates is believed unnecessary.

The other leads contained in the reference report are of investigative value and should be covered without undue delay.

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Report Made By

W. PAUL McWHORTER

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CHESTER A. HANSON;

INTERNAL SECURITY - G
REGISTRATION ACT

W. BYRON SWARTZ;
JOHN E. WATERS
FRANK MURPHY
JOHN BROSS LLOYD

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

Synopsis:

JOHN BROSS LLOYD described by acquaintances as wealthy loyal American citizen who is against Nazism, Communism, and is anti-Semitic. Makes large contributions to American Red Cross and other patriotic organizations. Contributed \$1,000 during the month of March, 1943 to CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. for which he writes articles on finance and politics. Source of income believed to be from Chicago Tribune and investments in the United States. He is not believed to have any foreign connections. Examination of bank account of Constitutional Educational League, Inc. failed to reveal exact source of income. Results of examination of bank accounts of JOHN BROSS LLOYD, CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., RAAKAMP Publishing Company, and MILDRED H. HALL set out.

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Reference:

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Bureau letter dated February 1, 1943

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Details:

At New York, N.Y.

The title of this case is being changed in order to reflect the name of JOHN BROSS LLOYD as an additional subject.

Reference letter advised that information had been received by the Bureau in April, 1942 that JOHN BROSS LLOYD is 50 years of age, married and has two children. He has resided at the Ambassador Hotel, New York City since 1940 and is estimated to be worth approximately \$800,000. He is reportedly to be continually buying pamphlets allegedly attacking the Government and exposing its inefficiency. He is also stated to have been in the habit of attempting to induce the Ambassador Hotel clerks to distribute these pamphlets among the patrons of the Hotel. This effort was believed to have been unsuccessful.

On May 22, 1940 JOHN BROSS LLOYD submitted information to the Bureau concerning a Communist meeting and parade in downtown New York City near Loews' Theatre. At that time he identified himself as "an active member of the American National Defense Society during World War I". Said letter also reveals that in an interview on April 8, 1942 LLOYD advised that he became interested in literature put out by WILLIAM DUDLEY FELLE when he was impressed with the frankness and anti-Semitic attitude displayed in the pamphlet, "New Dealers in Office". LLOYD added, however, that he did not know the identity of the author of the pamphlet at that time. He stated that he obtained some of the pamphlets of the FELLE organization for distribution to his friends only and that he gave most of them away personally, mailing only a few. He stated also that he never gave any of the literature to any member of the armed forces and that he has not distributed any pamphlets since December 7, 1941. In such interview LLOYD also stated that he had received two letters from FELLE asking for donations to the cause to assist the latter in his appeal in the State Court of North Carolina where he was being prosecuted. LLOYD stated that he paid no attention to these letters.

The reference letter also advised that a confidential informant of the Indiana Field Division furnished that office with a list of individuals who have paid FELLE or the Fellowship Press money as a result of guarantor pledges previously made or as subscriptions to FELLE's publications. This list contained the following notation as of January 9, 1942:

"John Bross ^GLloyd; Ambassador Hotel, Park Avenue at 51st Street, New York, New York:

On account

\$75.00."

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The reference letter also stated that the Department had advised that JOSEPH PETER KAMP disclosed that the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE maintained a bank account at the Irving Trust Company, Empire State Building, New York City and that his personal account and that of his wife were also maintained at the same branch. He testified that his account was in the name of Raakamp Publishing Company and that of his wife was in her maiden name, MILDRED H. HALL.

[redacted] Ambassador Hotel, 51st Street and Park Avenue, described LLOYD as a "harmless crackpot" who thinks that everyone is off color. He said that LLOYD used to be connected with the Chicago Tribune, was about 60 years old, retired, and believed that he was a widower. According to [redacted] LLOYD travels quite a bit between New York and his home at Pinehurst, North Carolina. He also has a farm in upstate New York. [redacted] stated that he had never noticed LLOYD bringing any strangers into the Hotel other than a young lady whose name he did not know and that he had no foreign associates. [redacted] stated also that in his opinion there was no doubt about the fact that LLOYD was loyal to the United States. He also said that LLOYD is anti-Nazi, anti-Communitistic, and anti-Semitic. b7D

[redacted] stated LLOYD came to the Ambassador Hotel on June 15, 1940 and has resided there since that time. He banks at the National City Bank, Park Avenue Branch, and informant stated that he believed LLOYD to be quite wealthy. He said that Mr. LLOYD used to pass out all types of literature about Communism in schools, anti-Nazism literature, and anti-Semitic literature. He said that LLOYD told him that some printer had made them up for him and informant did not believe that they were pamphlets of the Constitutional Educational League. LLOYD tried to get informant to let him put pamphlets [redacted] b7D

[redacted] and endeavored to get informant's [redacted] but was unsuccessful. Informant then stated that later LLOYD would buy up 50 to 100 pamphlets and bring them to him and among all of the pamphlets which had been brought to him, he did not notice anything which looked like Nazi propaganda. Among the pamphlets brought to [redacted] were pamphlets containing pictures of starving children in Germany, Poland, and other countries including pictures of ill treated Poles and natives of other conquered countries.

[redacted] stated that LLOYD is definitely 100% American but is a perfect crackpot. He stated that he himself was [redacted] Red Cross for the [redacted] the vicinity of the Ambassador Hotel in New York City and that Mr. LLOYD had made large contributions [redacted] for the American Red Cross and he believed that he had contributed to other patriotic organizations as well. He stated that Mr. LLOYD loves cameras and has quite a few of them in his apartment at the hotel but that he never used them any more. b7D

Informant also advised that since he has known LLOYD he had not been abroad and that before he came to the Ambassador Hotel, he lived at the Biltmore

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Hotel in New York City. He also stated that he believed LLOYD donates everything he raises on his farm in upstate New York to the United States Government. [redacted] stated that during the winter months LLOYD stays in New York City but during the Summer months, either stays at his farm in upstate New York or at his home in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

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Informant had not seen subject LLOYD with any literature for several months and stated that he had never mentioned the name of KAMP or the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE. He also advised that among LLOYD's peculiarities was the fact that he believed everyone around the hotel to be a spy.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that LLOYD had his account at the Park Avenue Branch of the National City Bank and that LLOYD had sent various pamphlets to this informant who believes the subject to be 100% American. This informant also stated LLOYD has a one track mind and is very anti-Semitic, anti-Nazi, and anti-Communitic, but that his sentiments are entirely with America. He always appeared to be very much interested in anything which denounced the Nazis, Communists, or the Jews. He stated that LLOYD came from upstate New York in June, 1940 and that the account was transferred from the State Bank at Albany. He also advised that LLOYD had a farm at Lee, Massachusetts which was leased in June, 1942 to Queen Wilhelmina. He advised that LLOYD's farm is at Kinderhook, near Albany, New York, and that LLOYD receives a large income from a trust estate, tied in in some manner with the Chicago Tribune. He also advised that LLOYD has no other income whatsoever except the income from his investments and securities, all of which are American stocks. This informant stated that as long as he has known LLOYD, he has had no reason to believe that he has any foreign connections whatsoever.

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[redacted] advised that Mr. KARL P. LOTHROP was the attorney for the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. in April, 1942 and that this informant was trying to collect an account for some store in town. He stated that he did not know anything about Mr. KAMP or his associates and was not familiar with the name, LLOYD.

The records of the Local Selective Service Board #31, 67 East 59th Street, New York City, disclosed that JOHN BROSS LLOYD was registered with that Board, having Serial #4315. He was born June 11, 1886 at Winnetka, Illinois and named the person who would always know his address as WILLIAM BROSS LLOYD at Weston, Massachusetts. He owns Fairland Farm at Kinderhook, New York, and is described in the records as white, 5' 10½" tall, 203 pounds, blue eyes, gray hair, ruddy complexion, wears glasses, and marital status, separated from wife. He listed as his present job, the occupation of being farm owner "541 acres dairy farm" and stated that he was best fitted for the job of publicist and writer, and stated that the duties of the job for which best fitted are "research and writing of special articles on finance and politics for Constitutional Educational League".

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Mr. GEORGE H. SHORT, Assistant Manager of the Hotel Biltmore, Madison Avenue and 43rd Street, furnished the records of that Hotel to the writer which revealed that the subject stayed at the hotel about twice a month from August 30, 1939 to May 29, 1940. His addresses were given as Stockbridge Road, Lee, Massachusetts; Linden Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. At various times Mr. MICHAEL D. REILLY of Lee, Massachusetts and Mr. EDWARD STONE of Stockbridge Road, Lee, Massachusetts, accompanied LLOYD and their hotel bills were paid by LLOYD.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Richard H. Peterson.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that a bank account in the name of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. was opened at the Irving Trust Company, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City on June 18, 1937 with a \$500.00 cash deposit. The business address of the LEAGUE was given as 42 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut and the New York bank account was opened for the convenience of the New York and Eastern Field Representatives of the LEAGUE.

Mr. C. M. PENFIELD of the American Defense Society, 67 Fifth Avenue, New York City, who also has a bank account with the Irving Trust Company, introduced JOSEPH P. KAMP to the bank. An examination of the credit file at the Irving Trust Company reflects that Mr. M. W. O'BRIEN, an officer of the bank wrote a memorandum dated August 2, 1940 which stated that JOSEPH KAMP, president, stopped by his desk today. KAMP advised Mr. O'BRIEN that the party who inquired about the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE through the bank (name not mentioned) had decided to support the LEAGUE. KAMP advised he planned to distribute large quantities of pamphlets, the "Fifth Column in Washington" directly to automobile owners throughout the country. KAMP said he intended to seek the active support of all such individuals through a leaflet attached, suggesting that they contact the LEAGUE. KAMP wanted to use the name of the Irving Trust Company, New York City, on his stationery as depository for the LEAGUE. KAMP said this would be inserted in the leaflet for prestige. Mr. O'BRIEN advised KAMP that the bank did not want its name on the LEAGUE's stationery as this was contrary to their rules.

A second memorandum in the bank's credit file, dated July 19, 1940 stated that JOSEPH P. KAMP, president of the LEAGUE, called on J. R. COREY and M. W. O'BRIEN and supplied information concerning the LEAGUE. According to this memorandum, KAMP stated that the main function of the LEAGUE is to focus attention on Communistic and other subversive activities in this country through all available publicity. Numerous pamphlets are issued and sold in bulk for free distribution by patriotic societies and large corporations.

KAMP said he was a paid executive of the LEAGUE and had extensive newspaper experience.

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A recent pamphlet issued by the LEAGUE was entitled, "The Fifth Column in Washington" which commanded considerable comment. Mr. KAMP said that the income from the pamphlet was sufficient to cover expenses. He also showed Mr. COREY and Mr. O'BRIEN several letters commenting favorably on the League from the following people: Mr. HAAK, president, American Rolling Mills; Mr. DODD, president, Perfection Stove Company, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. WHITE, executive vice president, Republic Steel Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio; DOUGLAS ELLIMAN, real estate, New York City.

KAMP advised bank officials, according to this memorandum, that the following were on the executive staff of the LEAGUE: Brigadier General LUKE H. GALLIAN, Candidate for Governor, Rhode Island, 1936, former State Commander, American Legion; Lieutenant Colonel ANSON F. KEELER, former State Comptroller of Connecticut; Honorable JOHN L. GIBSON, formerly a Judge in New Hampshire for 22 years and now president of the Judicial Association, Connecticut; Commander NELSON PICKERING, 1939 president of the National Metal Trades Association.

A memorandum in the bank's credit file advised that on December 21, 1938 C. N. PENFIELD who introduced this account, stated that JOSEPH P. KAMP, president of the LEAGUE, was fighting against Communism. PENFIELD had given KAMP free office space at 225 Fifth Avenue, New York City. PENFIELD advised the bank that KAMP was fighting against the Communist connections in the C.I.O. and had published a pamphlet called, "The Awakener".

On August 29, 1940, R. M. GUNNISON who is vice president of the Reuben H. Donnelly Corporation, advised the bank that he had contributed \$750.00 to the LEAGUE. GUNNISON said that the LEAGUE had supported Willkie in the 1940 Campaign.

The bank account of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. was examined for a period from January, 1942 through March, 1943. Until February, 1943 the average monthly balance of this account has been about \$500.00. In February, 1943, this account had a \$4,000 bank balance and in March the account had a \$4,500 bank balance.

The deposit tickets of this account examined for the above period showed that the LEAGUE receives numerous checks drawn on banks located in Upper New York, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Checks deposited of \$1,000 or over are noted below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Drawn on</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June 10, 1943	Unknown	\$ 2,500
July 6, 1942	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	3,000
August 15, 1942	Unknown	2,500
October 2, 1942	Unknown	1,700

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October 13, 1942	Muskeegan, Michigan	\$1,000
December 10, 1942	Unknown	1,000
January 15, 1943	National City Bank	1,625
February 23, 1943	Unknown	5,000
March 3, 1943	Commonwealth Trust Company Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	5,000

The bank account of the Raakamp Publishing Company was opened at the Irving Trust Company on July 29, 1937 at which time its address was given as 78 West 55th Street, New York City, which was the residence address of BENTLEY RAAK. This account was introduced by the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. and a deposit of \$1,000 in cash was made. The bank has on file a copy of a trade name certificate of the Raakamp Publishing Company which was filed in New York County by BENTLEY RAAK, 78 West 55th Street, and JOSEPH P. KAMP, 37-46 85th Street, Jackson Heights, Long Island. Examination of this account for the period January, 1942 to February, 1943, shows that the account has an average monthly balance of less than \$1,000. The balance for February, 1943 is \$16.93. Most of the deposits made to this account were cash.

The bank account of MILDRED H. HALL, East 54th Street, was opened at the Irving Trust Company on November 9, 1940. At that time her address was given as 78 West 55th Street, Studio #9, New York City. She stated she was associated with the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. and made an opening deposit consisting of a \$100 check of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, a \$100 check of the Raakamp Publishing Company and \$300 in cash. Examination of this account for the period of January, 1942 to February, 1943, shows that this account is also very inactive and has an average monthly balance of less than \$100. The balance for February, 1943 was \$25.36.

Confidential Informant T-3 was contacted in regard to the bank account of JOHN BROSS LLOYD which is maintained at the Park Avenue and 57th Street Branch of the National City Bank. Confidential Informant T-3 advised that LLOYD's bank account was opened on June 6, 1940 at which time he made a deposit of \$65,000; \$15,000 being a check on the State Bank of Albany, New York and \$50,000 being a collateral loan by the National City Bank. LLOYD was introduced to the bank by C. R. D. MEIER, 116 John Street, New York City, of the firm of POLANDS, BURDICK, HUNTER and Company. Bank records show that at the time LLOYD opened this account he was part owner of the Chicago Tribune and wanted to make a loan of \$50,000 for which he offered \$78,000 worth of stock as security. LLOYD advised the bank that he had an income of \$450,000 in 1940, \$285,000 from the Chicago Tribune, and the balance from investments. He stated that he had about \$500,000 in securities in the State Bank of Albany. Bank records show that at the time LLOYD opened an account he was about 60 and not active in business and he was making the loan to pay income taxes. The loan was paid to the bank by May, 1941.

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Confidential Informant T-3 advised that LLOYD is apparently separated from his wife CAROLYNE DAVIE LLOYD as he had made arrangements with the bank to pay his wife a monthly income.

Confidential Informant T-3 stated that in handling LLOYD's separation agreement, a separate reserve account has been set up by LLOYD from which amounts are transferred to his wife's bank account at the National Commercial Bank and Trust Company, State Street, Albany, New York.

An examination of LLOYD's account from January, 1942 to March, 1943 shows that he makes a regular monthly deposit of \$18,750 which is a check drawn on the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago. On December 30, 1942 he deposited a check of \$93,750 which is also believed to be drawn on the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago. These amounts, according to Confidential Informant T-3, are from a trust fund set up for LLOYD by the Chicago Tribune. In addition to this, LLOYD makes a number of deposits of between \$100 and \$1000 which Confidential Informant T-3 believes to be dividend checks or interest coupons from the securities owned by LLOYD.

An examination of the canceled vouchers for the month of March in LLOYD's account shows that there were two checks in the amount of \$500 each payable to the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE. The first one was dated March 1, 1943 and was check #12127. This check was endorsed by the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE and deposited in their bank account at the Irving Trust Company. The second check is dated March 6, 1943 and was check #12149. This check was also deposited by the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE in their bank account at the Irving Trust Company. In addition to LLOYD's regular account and reserve account, he has a third account called his income tax account. Examination of this account shows that amounts are transferred to the income tax account from his regular account. In 1942, LLOYD made quarterly income tax payments of \$48,000 and in 1943 his quarterly income tax payment was \$60,000.

The criminal records of the New York City Police Department were searched against the name of the subject, JOHN BROSS LLOYD, with negative results.

The credit report on Mr. and MRS. JOHN BROSS LLOYD, obtained from the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, 393 Seventh Avenue, is set out as follows:

Report on Mrs. John Bross Lloyd, Wynnewood Farm, Kinderhook, Columbia County, N.Y., as of January 27, 1941.

She is about 53, an American, and had then lived at the given address for about 15 years. She was then separated from her husband and had no known dependents. She owned the given farm and also Fairland Farm in Kinderhook, N.Y.

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She also owned property in Massachusetts. Considered "well-to-do". In the past she lived with her husband at Ambassador Hotel, New York City; Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Pinehurst, N.C.; and Lee, Mass. Trade accounts in the name of her and her husband together showed 30 - 90 days payments of bill and no litigation. She banked at the Kinderhook National Bank and Trust Company.

John Fross Lloyd, Hotel Ambassador, 51st Street and Park Avenue, New York City as of December 5, 1942; formerly of Yarrow Road and Merion Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Stockbridge Road, Lee, Massachusetts; and Kinderhook, New York.

He is reported separated from his wife, CAROLINE (also notation that her name is Marjorie). He is about 55 and separated from Caroline Davis Lloyd of Kinderhook, N.Y. (Whether they are divorced not known). Had then been at the Ambassador three years with lease on an apartment and paying bills promptly.

As of March 23, 1937 the credit bureau correspondent in Philadelphia, Pa. reported:

'Subject has been living at Yarrow Road and Merion Ave, for the past two years and are renting the property. Located in a very desirable residential section. Came here from Pittsfield, Mass. They are known to spend their winters in Pinehurst, N.C. Our files include information to the effect that in Sept. 1930 subject purchased the J. Warren Archer Estate in Lee, Mass. and the transaction involved \$50,000.'

In September, 1933, a correspondent reported to the credit bureau that subject's wife had owned an estate in Kinderhook, N.Y. for over 20 years.

He is reported to have no known business or profession connections; known to be name of large independent means.

Banking with the National City Bank, 57th and Park Avenue, New York City. 30-60 day pay credit ratings (all but one 60-90 in 1939) - no litigation in file.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

This report was intended to cover only the activities of JOHN BROSS LLOYD and the results of the examination of the bank accounts of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, RAAKAMP PUBLISHING COMPANY, and JOHN BROSS LLOYD, as instructed by reference letter.

THE ALBANY FIELD DIVISION

At Albany, New York

Will examine the bank account of JOHN BROSS LLOYD at the State Bank of Albany in order to ascertain any contributions or connections which LLOYD may have had with the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. and to further ascertain the source of LLOYD's income.

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will contact the appropriate official of the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company in order to determine from what source the following checks emanated:

\$18,750 reported to be paid regularly from said bank to JOHN BROSS LLOYD.

\$93,750 deposited by JOHN BROSS LLOYD on December 30, 1942, believed to have been drawn on the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company.

Will also conduct a discreet investigation to determine from what source if any the subject receives income other than from the Chicago Tribune.

THE BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

At Lee, Massachusetts

Will conduct an appropriate investigation to determine what relationship if any MICHAEL D. REILLY of Lee, Massachusetts and EDWARD STONE of Stockbridge Road, Lee, Massachusetts have with the subject, JOHN BROSS LLOYD.

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, N.Y.

Will conduct a discreet investigation to determine whether or not R. M. ~~GUNNISON~~, Vice President of Reuben H. Donnelly Corporation is a regular contributor to the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, he having contributed \$750 in 1940.

Will interview C. N. ~~WENFELD~~ of the American Defense Society, 67 Fifth Avenue, for any information he may have pertaining to the background and activities of any of the subjects.

Will interview C. R. D. ~~WETTER~~, 116 John Street, New York City, employee of Rolands, Burdick, Hunter and Company for any information he may have with respect to JOHN BROSS LLOYD.

Will review the files of the New York Field Division and prepare a comprehensive report on all information contained in the same.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The identity of the Confidential Informants mentioned in this report are as follows:

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T-3

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

FILE NO. 100-682

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 6-4-1943	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-28, 29-1943	REPORT MADE BY BURKE MITCHELL BM: CEN
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH PETER KAMP, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Testimony of CHESTER A. HANSON before LaFollette Committee reviewed. No record KAMP testified before this Committee. T-5 re-interviewed and unable to furnish further information of value.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent JAMES J. BOWMAN, New Haven, Connecticut, dated April 21, 1943.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Miss SYLVIA GREEN, Room 101 Senate Office Building, in charge of the Committee Room of the LaFollette Committee, made available the transcript of the testimony given by CHESTER A. HANSON on November 19, 1937, before a sub-committee of the Committee on Education and Labor, United States Senate, 75th Congress, Second Session, pursuant to S. Res. 266.

At this time HANSON testified that he resided at 42 Maple Street, Milford, Connecticut; that he was Secretary-Treasurer of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., and that his duties were to keep records of the organization, perform general clerical duties such as endorsing and issuing checks for salaries and other expense, and also to write and make speeches, keep minutes of meetings, et cetera. At this time HANSON further testified that a subpoena was served on

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him October 28, 1937, at which time he had custody of the records and documents of the organization, but that he turned them over to subject KAMP on November 14, 1937, at KAMP'S instance, because he (KAMP) felt he was the proper person to present material because of "prior service responsibility". HANSON further testified that the organization had offices in New York and Birmingham, and that its purpose was as follows:

"It is education, pertaining to the Constitution, interpretation of the Constitution, and education, information pertaining to subversive movements in this country, which are working against or for the destruction of the Constitution of the United States".

HANSON'S testimony was rather vague in nature and does not appear particularly pertinent, except that he did testify that JOSEPH P. KAMP was the president of this organization. He was closely questioned by Senator THOMAS as to his knowledge of the Constitution of the United States, at which time HANSON indicated a very slight knowledge of this document. He was unable to recite the Preamble; was not aware of the number of Articles in the Constitution; admitted he did not know the specific wording of a single Article, and even stated that the Constitution had more Articles than Amendments. He was questioned at length on Communism by Senator THOMAS, at which time he was made to look very stupid, due to his lack of knowledge on this subject, as well as the subject of the Constitution.

When questioned as to the number of members in the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., he was quite vague and stated that "they had several thousand members". The testimony above mentioned is found in Part 16, Pages 7254 and 7269, inclusive, of the hearings before the Sub-committee above mentioned.

During this questioning HANSON related that he did not respond to the subpoena served upon him inasmuch as he failed to bring the books and records of the organization, stating, as above indicated, that these books and records were to be brought before the Committee by subject KAMP. However, a careful check of the indices on the part of Miss GREEN failed to reflect that subject KAMP ever responded to the subpoena which had been previously served upon him by the Sub-committee.

In Part 31, Page 12967 of the hearings before the sub-committee, there is contained Exhibit 5013-B, which is a letter from the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., (undated) Post Office Box 161, New Haven, Connecticut, to the REPUBLIC STEEL CORPORATION, 1619 Republic Building, Cleveland, as follows:

"You are indebted to us for the following, for which please accept our thanks.

To 43,800 copies ~~Join~~ the C. I. O. and Help Build a Soviet America" at 10¢ each
(Per attached itemized statement)
(in ink) OK, SMW--"

\$4,380.00

Exhibit 5013-B reflects the following information on the stationery from the office of CHESTER A. HANSON, Secretary-Treasurer, First National Bank Building, New Haven, Connecticut:

"STATEMENT OF DISPOSITION OF BOOKLETS, "JOIN THE C. I. O. AND HELP BUILD A SOVIET AMERICA"

NICK LINCKENHELZ	Massillon, Ohio	1,350
FRANK GELTZ	Canton, Ohio	3,400
ED O'CONNELL	Buffalo, New York	1,350
CHAUNCEY MILLER	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	150
HARRY GRIMM	Valley City, Ohio	1,400
MART MURPHY	Youngstown, Ohio	3,400
ED MULLIGAN	Warren, Ohio	3,400
C. H. MOORE	Chicago, Illinois	1,350
J. A. VOSS	Cleveland, Ohio	15,000
HENRY WICK	Cleveland, Ohio	2,000
W. C. GUBBINS	Canton, Ohio	800
JOHN NELSON	Duluth, Minnesota	1,500
W. H. OLDHAM	Birmingham, Alabama	1,500
PAUL STEFFE	Cumberland, Maryland	500
J. S. TORBIX	Monroe, Michigan	1,500
C. W. PHILLIPS,	Alabama City, Alabama	3,500
F. R. SCHAFER	Niles, Ohio	700
R. H. FERGUSON	Cleveland - June 17	1,000

43,800

Confidential Informant T-5 was contacted by the writer, at which time he advised that he was going into the Army within a week or ten days, and showed the writer an entry in the Congressional Record by Representative STYLES BRIDGES showing how he (T-5) had contributed to the war effort by crusading for the withdrawal of the Statute of Limitations in war fraud cases, and for bringing pressure to bear for an investigation of war frauds. T-5 stated that he was a free lance writer and that he spent most of his time on "Capitol Hill" writing speeches for various congressmen and senators. He also stated that he was formerly employed by President ROOSEVELT and the Democratic Party for the formation of Young Democrats Clubs throughout the United States, but stated that he had split with President ROOSEVELT on the Supreme Court packing question.

He stated that, therefore, he was violently opposed to the Third Term for President ROOSEVELT and that it was while he was working against the Third Term that he contacted subject KAMP. He stated that he noted at this time that, as has been previously set forth, KAMP had an autographed photograph of HITLER in his New York office. T-5 stated that this photograph looked like it was an original autographed photograph, but that it was in an inconspicuous place in the rear of his office, and that he did not have occasion to carefully examine it. He also stated that he noted another picture, which he believed to be FRITZ KUHN, formerly national German-American Bund leader, however, he was not certain of the identity of this individual.

He also stated that while he was in KAMP'S office the latter had talked to one SAM PRYOR on the telephone on two occasions, the general tenor of the second conversation being a complaint by KAMP to PRYOR concerning the fining of WPA workers in New York City who had listened to WENDEL WILLKIE'S speech, and KAMP indicated that the Republican Party should do something about this. At the termination of these calls KAMP stated to T-5 that the individual with whom he was talking was SAM PRYOR, a Republican Leader who is financing his, KAMP'S, organization.

T-5 was unable to furnish further information, but stated that he had met KAMP several times after this, and that since meeting him he had become interested in ascertaining what the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE was doing, and as a result had purchased many of the pamphlets issued by KAMP, which are mentioned in reference report.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

Confidential Informant T-5 is

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

510 The Trust Company Building

New Haven, 10, Connecticut

June 5, 1943

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Director, FBI

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Re: ⁰ CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.;
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that one copy of the report of
Special Agent JAMES J. BOWMAN dated 4/21/43 at New Haven, Connecticut
in the above-entitled matter is being forwarded to the Seattle Field
Division.

This report is being furnished in answer to a lead set
out in the report of Special Agent EDWARD C. KEMPER dated 4/24/43 at
Seattle, Washington entitled "EDWARD HOMER RETTIG, with alias Edward
Herman, Constitutional Government League."

Very truly yours,

R. H. Simons
R. H. Simons,
Special Agent in Charge



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RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE;
JOSEPH P. KAMP; ET AL,
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 10, 1943, in connection with the captioned case with which you enclosed copies of a letter from Mr. Jack Montgomery as well as an outline of certain material on Joseph P. Kamp.

For your information the Bureau has been conducting an investigation of the Constitutional Educational League and Kamp for some time with the view in mind of proving a violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1933 as amended. The Department has expressed an extreme interest in this case but to date no information has been received which would prove a violation of the above-mentioned act.

I do not believe any investigation is indicated for your Field Division at this time but should you receive information which would show that Kamp is acting as an agent of a foreign principal in the distribution of propaganda, the Bureau should be immediately notified.

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Carson.....
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Los Angeles, California
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Director, FBI

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DATE 1-30-01 BY 89003/EW JAK-N

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE;
JOSEPH P. KAMP
SEDITION

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau I am enclosing copies of a letter dated May 4, 1943 from JACK MONTGOMERY, Director, Southern California and Shop Stewards & Officers, Local 1001, Oil Workers Organizing Campaign, CIO, together with a copy of the enclosure submitted with his letter, namely, an outline of material on JOSEPH P. KAMP and the Constitutional Educational League. A CIO publication, with reference to this matter, is also being furnished for your information.

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Under date of May 6, 1943 a communication was received from VICTOR D. McCARTHY, City Clerk, City of El Segundo, California, with reference to this matter, enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the Council on May 4, 1943. Copies of these materials are also being furnished with this letter. Attention of the Bureau is invited to the fact that the resolution submitted was not an authenticated copy and the letter from McCARTHY was actually not signed.

I have acknowledged both of the letters referred to and requested MONTGOMERY to furnish me with specimens of the literature he described in his communication. Upon its receipt it will be forwarded to the Bureau in order that the Department may render an opinion as to the possible seditious nature of it. Pending the expression of such an opinion no additional investigation will be conducted by this office in the absence of Bureau instructions to the contrary.

For the information of the Bureau, copies of my acknowledgements are also being enclosed.

Very truly yours,



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OIL WORKERS ORGANIZING CAMPAIGN

Southern California Region
221 Richmond Street El Segundo, California
Phone: El Segundo 150

May 4, 1943

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
510 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

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Gentlemen:

Over a period of approximately the last thirty days literature of a questionable seditious character has been distributed secretly throughout the El Segundo Refinery of Standard Oil Company. This literature is put out and printed by the Constitutional Educational League headed by Joseph P. Kamp.

We are enclosing a brief summary of the activities of Kamp and the League. We call your particular attention to the fact that Kamp and the League have been charged by the Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D. C. with conspiring to cause revolt and disunity among the armed forces of the United States. Kamp is also actively engaged in the defense of Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling and the other 27 people who have been indicted for sedition by the United States Government.

In a broadcast Sunday night, Walter Winchell called attention to the fact that fascist literature was being distributed in industrial plants of the East and urgently requested that all information concerning the distribution of fascist literature be turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Having seen copies of the pamphlet distributed in the El Segundo Refinery, I have no hesitancy in branding them as definitely fascist and un-American and whose continued distribution could only poison the minds of those people who read them and create disharmony, disunity and doubt in the prosecution of the war.

We are requesting that your office conduct an immediate investigation to determine the source, the reasons behind and the method of circulating this fascist propaganda. Also that those people found responsible for

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the dissemination of this literature be punished to the full extent of the law.

In closing I wish to take this opportunity to pledge our complete support and cooperation in this and all phases of the war effort.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Jack Montgomery
Jack Montgomery, Director
Southern California
and
Officers & Shop Stewards
Local #1001
Oil Workers Organizing Campaign
CIO

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Outline of material on Joseph P. Kamp and the
Constitutional Educational League.

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1. Kamp defends persons indicted for sedition (including Mrs. Dilling). (There is 28 of them all together)

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"They are, for the most part, fanatic Americans, whose enthusiastic loyalty to this country and its institutions, have made them conscious as anti-Communist, and anti-New Dealer." (N.I. 8-29-42).

2. Elizabeth Dilling, indicted for sedition, sells CEL pamphlets to raise money for her defense.

In a letter dated 8-22-42, she requests her followers to buy "Native, Nazi Purge Plot," by Kamp, and concludes as follows: "Order from the Patriotic Research Bureau, 8 Dearborn St., Chicago. Aid my defense fund. Price, 50¢ a copy."

3. From 1932 to 1936, Kamp was editor of the fascist publication, "The Awakener", published by Lawrence Dennis, author of "The Coming American Fascism."

4. CEL formed in 1919.

5. In 1931, Kamp shared an office and telephone with the Italian Historical Society, N. Y. City, subsequently revealed as a propaganda center for Italian fascists.

Cooperated with William Dudley Pelley, now in the penitentiary following conviction of charge of sedition, in distribution of the anti-Semitic forgery known as the "Benjamin Franklin Letter."

6. July, 1942, a Federal Grand Jury in Wash., D. C. handed down an indictment listing a number of individuals, publications and organizations as participants in a conspiracy to promote "revolt and disloyalty" within the armed forces. Included in the list was the CEL. (Hour, 8-22-42).

7. Kamp held anti-union rallies of stool pigeons and strike-breakers in Long Island city in 1932 during a strike of Shoe Workers at the I. Miller plant.

8. Vice-President Charles White of Republic Steel Corp. quoted from Kamp's pamphlet, "Join the CIO, etc." from a witness stand during a hearing on the use of violence during steel strikes to prove that the Steel Union was "Communist."

9. March, 1940, the NLRB in a decision directing the Baldwin Locomotive Co. of Eddystone, Pa., to disband a company union stated the company had used labor spies to distribute Kamp's CIO pamphlet.

10. Dec. 16, 1938, Kamp was one of the sponsors of the meeting at the Hotel Biltmore in N. Y. at which retired Major-General George Van Horn Moseley, delivered his anti-Semitic and anti-Gov't. speech.

11. May 24, 1939, Kamp was one of the sponsors of a so-called "Pro-American mass meeting" which was addressed by John E. Kelley, a Jersey City fascist, and Joe McWilliams, m.c.

12. "The Class War on the Home Front", Kamp refers to the Roosevelt administration as "an army of assorted Marxists", which is seeking to "undermine the American system of society and gov't."

13. Along with Geo. Deatheridge, Gen. Moseley, and Fritz Kuhn, Kamp attended a dinner in honor of Congressman Martin Dies in N. Y. City.

14. Kamp was publisher of "Join the CIO and build a Soviet America" in which he offered a \$1000 reward to anyone who could prove that there was an untruth therein. Labor Research Association compiled a list of 20 false statements in the publication, demanded payment of the reward or proof of the 20 statements and went so far as to retain counsel to file suit. Proceedings were finally dropped when the attorneys decided to their satisfaction that the CEL was financially irresponsible.

15. "The 5th Column in Washington", Kamp asserts that the U.S. Gov't has fallen into the hands of "Bolsheviks" and "fifth Columnists". Among those listed as subversive are Robt. H. Jackson, Harry Hopkins, David Saposs, Frances Perkins, and Harold L. Ickes. (Saposs was Research Director for the NLRB).

16. In 1937, Kamp as chairman of the CEL fled a subpoena issued by the U.S. Senate Civil Liberties Committee (LaFollette Committee) taking with him the records of the CEL which had also been subpoenaed.

17. James J. McCourt, one of the two leaders in the Queens (N.Y. City) "Air Raid Warden Revolt" admitted to a reporter for PM (2-27-42) that he had been distributing Kamp's literature to air raid wardens.

CITY OF EL SEGUNDO

El Segundo, California

May 6th, 1943

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Building
Los Angeles, California

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DATE 1-30-01 BY 39003/EUN/JAK/le

Gentlemen:

There was presented to the City Council of the City of El Segundo, California, at its regular meeting held May 5th, 1943, a certain letter addressed to that Body by Jack Montgomery, Director, Southern California, CIO, the full text of which is set forth in a certain resolution of the City Council of the City of El Segundo, copy of which is attached hereto.

Attached to said before mentioned communication, when received, was a copy of a letter addressed to you by the same writer under date of May 4th, 1943, referring to the distribution in El Segundo of alleged questionable seditious literature, together with carbon copies of two pages, entitled: "Outline of Material on Joseph P. Kamp and the Constitutional Educational League", citing 17 causes for the CIO's concern over alleged seditious activities of said Joseph P. Kamp. Also accompanying said first before mentioned communication was a pamphlet entitled: "Unity of Purpose - Unity of Action and Unity of Deed in the Prosecution of this War against the Fascist Forces of Destruction", copy of which I also transmit herewith.

This communication is sent you by direction of the City Council of the City of El Segundo as given in the concluding paragraph of the resolution before mentioned.

Very truly yours,

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City Clerk.

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COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA
MAY 5th, 1943

"WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Council a communication in words and figures as follows:

"May 4, 1943.

City Council
City of El Segundo
El Segundo, California .

Attention: Mr. Victor D. McCarthy
City Clerk

Gentlemen:

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Enclosed is a copy of a communication forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and War Department Office of Petroleum Section, Internal Security Division, Ninth Service Command, also material which is self-explanatory.

In the interest of democracy and the victorious conclusion of this war against Fascism, we are requesting that you add your name to ours in calling for this investigation. We make this appeal to you because we know that by your record you have placed the winning of this war above all other objectives and problems. As loyal Americans, we the members of the CIO, residents of El Segundo, in calling for this investigation feel that it is proper and fitting that the responsible officials of our City do likewise so that no one may doubt that when we of El Segundo say we are all-out for war we mean we are all-out for war.

A copy of this communication is being sent to the daily press.

Yours very truly,
Jack Montgomery, Director
Southern California
and
Shop Stewards & Officers
Oil Workers Organizing Campaign
CIO."

AND, WHEREAS, the individual members of this Council have never seen a copy of the pamphlet referred to in said communication; but nevertheless, in view of the statements made in said communication, believe the action hereinafter taken by this Council to be in order at this time:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Segundo, California, as follows:

1. That in view of the statements made to said Council in said communication, respecting said alleged pamphlet, it appears to the Council that the investigation requested in said communication would be in order.
2. That this Council, having full confidence in the ability of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to handle any and all such matters requiring its attention, does hereby express its confidence that said Bureau will make such investigation in the premises as the statements made in said communication may justify.
3. That the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its information in the premises, and a like copy thereof to the Oil Workers Organizing Campaign, for the attention of Jack Montgomery, Director, Southern California and Shop Stewards & Officers, Oil Workers Organizing Campaign, CIO."

Room 900, 510 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California
May 10, 1943

Mr. Victor D. McCarthy, City Clerk
City of El Segundo, California

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 6, 1943 enclosing a copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of El Segundo on May 5, 1943 has been received.

Appropriate inquiries are being instituted in this matter in order that the facts may be submitted to the Attorney General for an opinion.

Very truly yours,

R. E. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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Room 900, 510 South Spring Street
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Mr. Jack Montgomery, Director
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Oil Workers Organizing Campaign, CIO
221 Richmond Street
El Segundo, California

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Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 4, 1943, together with a brief summary of the activities of Joseph P. Kamp and the Constitutional Educational League, has been received. It is noted you request an investigation to determine the source and reasons behind the circularization of certain material, which has recently been distributed secretly throughout the El Segundo Refinery of the Standard Oil Company. In order that the literature referred to may be submitted to the office of the Attorney General for his opinion as to the seditious nature of it, it is requested that at your earliest convenience you supply me with copies of the literature to which you refer. Immediately upon the receipt thereof, the matter will be taken up with the office of the Attorney General, whose authority is necessary to institute prosecution in a Sedition case.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Director

UNITY OF PURPOSE, UNITY OF ACTION AND UNITY OF DEED IN THE

Prosecution of this War Against the Fascist Forces of Destruction

Unity of action, unity of deed, and unity of purpose must be achieved by all people if the war efforts of the American people are to be victorious.

With this purpose in mind and in the interests of the American people and our democratic Allies, we the officers and shop stewards of Local 1001, OWOC-CIO submit the following facts and make the following statement:

Within the past thirty days, pamphlets published by an organization which a United States Grand Jury charged with conspiring to cause "revolt and disloyalty" in the armed forces of this nation, have been distributed in the El Segundo Refinery.

The officers and stewards of Local 1001, who have been aware of this situation for the past thirty days, have in this period endeavored to contact the employee who appears to be primarily responsible for this distribution, in the belief that he is an honest but misguided worker who could be persuaded to stop the circulation of these pamphlets. These efforts have been rebuffed.

The literature in question includes pamphlets published by Joseph P. Kamp, head of the so-called Constitutional Educational League entitled, "How to Win the War and Lose What We're Fighting for," "Fifth Column in Washington" and "Fifth Column in the South".

When the Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D. C. indicted a number of persons on charges of sedition, this so-called "league" was named as one of a number of organizations participating in a conspiracy to cause "revolt and disloyalty" in the armed forces.

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Work...

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FOR VICTORY!

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DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒
Mr. Clegg ☒
Mr. Glavin ☒
Mr. Ladd ☒
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Miss Beahm ☒
Mrs. Gandy ☒

Leo Margolin, PM, called from New York and advised that he had seen Mr. Conroy at the New York Field Office today and that Conroy referred him to me. Margolin stated he had given Conroy a set of pamphlets which were put out by Joseph P. Kamp, of the Constitutional Educational Committee. The home office for this organization is in New Haven but Margolin stated that all its dirty work is done at 342 Madison Avenue in New York.

Margolin told me that Kamp has issued a series of nine of these pamphlets which they are selling for 5¢ apiece. Margolin bought two sets yesterday and gave one set to Conroy. He stated that the thing that disturbed PM is the fact that on the front cover of the pamphlet is inscribed in large black type "Department of Justice Memorandum"; then, in small letters appears "Re:", and then is mentioned the "League of American Writers," "National Federation for Constitutional Liberties," "American Peace Mobilization," and a few of the others, some of which are communistic front organizations and some are not. Right across the front in white type on a black background appears the words "Strictly Confidential" and over this, in large black type appears, "From the Secret Files of the FBI." In this regard I immediately advised Margolin very emphatically that we have given Joe Kamp nothing whatsoever and the pamphlets were not printed with our authorization or knowledge and as a matter of fact they were taken verbatim out of Congressional records. Margolin stated that this was exactly what he thought and he asked me if he could quote me on it. I advised him that he could not quote me as an individual but that he could quote the Bureau and could make it as strong as he desired.

Margolin then inquired if I had checked with the Department as to whether any of this would be a violation of the U. S. Code. I told him that the Bureau was an investigative agency and that we do not pass upon whether an individual act is a violation of the law and therefore I was not in a position to speak for the Department or for the U. S. Attorneys.

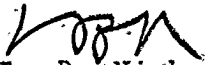
35 SEP 7 1962 stated that PM feels very strongly that Kamp is strictly a promoter, the type of individual who asks for \$2,500 to "keep the Reds from the door." He also said that PM knows Kamp is using this angle for promotion and that he has salesmen who go around talking to people and scaring them. Margolin stated he has a copy of one of the talks relating to another outfit but that it was exactly the same talk because the individual who prepared the talk used to be employed by Kamp. EX-36

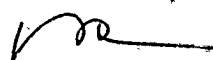


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Margolin stated that PM feels that Kamp is taking unfair advantage of people and that even though some of the things in the pamphlets and talks may be true to a certain extent and perfectly official that he was using an underhanded method of putting it across. In one of the pamphlets, for example, it was stated that the FBI was requested to investigate 1,122 so-called subversives who were pointed out by the Dies Committee. Margolin stated that the Bureau had done a wonderful job on this but it was found that Dies batted an average of about .062, and yet Kamp continues to use such material.

Respectfully,


L. B. Nichols

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE H. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL WAR POLICIES UNIT

Re: Constitutional Educational League, Inc.,
et al; REGISTRATION ACT

In order that the files of this Bureau may be complete, I
would appreciate it if you would furnish to me a transcript of the
testimony of [redacted] the Federal Grand Jury at

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director, FBI

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.,
JOSEPH PETER KAMP, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
REGISTRATION ACT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent JAMES J. BOWMAN, New Haven, dated April 21, 1943, wherein a lead is set forth for the Washington Field Office to obtain the complete testimony [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury on [redacted] b3

This is to advise that Special Agent MITCHELL of this Field Division contacted Miss ALICE M. McELROY in charge of records and accounts at the United States Attorney's office, as well as Assistant United States Attorney JOHN W. FIELLY, who were unable to locate the testimony above referred to, however, Miss McELROY indicated that this testimony was probably in connection with the case entitled "GERALD B. WINROD, et al", subject of Criminal Case No. 70,153, and second entitled No. 71,203. She stated that none of the files pertaining to this case were maintained at the United States Attorney's office, but that this case was being handled by attorneys from the Justice Department. It is, therefore, requested that the Bureau attempt to secure this testimony through its liaison with the Department of Justice, and make the same available to the New Haven Field Division.

It is to be noted that during the investigation of this matter Special Agent BURKE MITCHELL interviewed [redacted] who is carried in the report of Agent MITCHELL in the above matter, dated June 4, 1943, as "Confidential Informant T-5". At the time of this interview [redacted] claiming to do various writing tasks for Congressmen and Senators, who stated that he had observed a photograph in the office of Representative CLARE E. HOFFMAN of Michigan in the company of subject JOSEPH PETER KAMP. He stated that KAMP and HOFFMAN appeared to be in quite a friendly pose, and LIEB informed Agent MITCHELL that "HOFFMAN does all of KAMP'S dirty work for him." b7D

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The foregoing information was not set forth in the report of Agent MITCHELL, due to its confidential nature.

Very truly yours,


GUY HOTPEL,
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CC: New Haven

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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June 7, 1943

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 1-29-01 BY 3903/EW JAK-rlcMEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD *John*Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH P. KAMP
FAMINE IN AMERICA

Mr. Tolson _____
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Miss Beahm _____
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Mr. Adolf Berle of the State Department has requested that the Bureau supply to him information concerning the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, whose New York headquarters are 342 Madison Avenue and whose midwestern headquarters are in the Pioneer Building, Madison, Wisconsin. The national headquarters of this organization are stated to be at 831 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

** Summary*

Mr. Berle has advised that he is particularly interested in one Joseph P. Kamp, who has put out a pamphlet called "Famine in America." Mr. Berle states that this pamphlet could easily be Nazi propaganda inasmuch as it advocates that America may go hungry or have a famine this year and that Joseph L. Weiner of the Office of Civilian Supply will be to blame for it. According to Mr. Berle "Famine in America" bears rather heavily on the "Jewish Communist" line, which is the same line as that put out by Nazi propaganda services. It is stated that the pamphlet entitled "Famine in America" is on general sale at news stands and can be purchased for twenty-five cents a copy.

Mr. Berle has requested that he be supplied with a summary memorandum containing the information that the Bureau may have in its files concerning Joseph P. Kamp and the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, and that if the Bureau has no information, an investigation be conducted so as to determine the background and activities of Kamp and the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated. The writer informed Mr. Berle that this matter would be handled pursuant to his request.

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Respectfully,

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It is suggested that the report or reports be sent to the Liaison Sec. for personal delivery to Mr. Berle
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CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.

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ORIGIN

The Constitutional Educational League was incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut in 1937. Its officers at that time were Joseph P. Kamp, Chairman, New York City; W. Byron Smarts, Vice President, Orange, Connecticut; Chester A. Hanson, Treasurer and Agent, Milford, Connecticut; and Madelyn A. Corman, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary, New Haven, Connecticut.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

It appears, however, that subject organization was in existence for a number of years prior to 1937, as an unincorporated body with headquarters in the First National Bank Building, New Haven, Connecticut. As such its indicated purpose under the direction of Chester A. Hanson and Joseph P. Kamp was to develop facts concerning the workings of Communist and other alien movements and to disseminate this information through every known means of public expression including newspapers, magazines, speakers and the radio.

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"To bring about a more complete understanding of the functions of our Government and the guarantees and provisions of its instrument, the Constitution of the United States; to inculcate patriotism and love of country; to investigate and expose the subversive elements which are seeking to undermine the faith of the American people in their institutions and to foster this general program through the medium of the spoken word."

In one of its circulars the League indicated that among its objectives were legislation to remove all Communists from public payrolls and a continuance of the Dies Committee with adequate funds for exposing all forms of subversive activity.

HEADQUARTERS

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The League maintains its headquarters at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, at which its principal volume of business is conducted. In addition thereto, it maintains an office at 631 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut; and a branch office at Madison, Wisconsin, under the direction of John E. Waters, head of the Midwestern district of the League. A southern branch which is now closed, was formerly maintained in Birmingham, Alabama. Efforts to establish offices in other cities of the United States appear to have been unsuccessful.

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OFFICERS

The officers of the League at the time of its incorporation have heretofore been set forth. More recent information indicates that the officers of the League are as follows:

Chairman - Brigadier General Luke H. Callan, recent candidate for Governor of Rhode Island.

Executive Vice Chairman - Joseph P. Kamp, former Vice President, Kamp Construction Company and Editor and Publisher of "The Awakener" of New York City.

Vice Chairman - W. Byron Swartz, Byron Fire and Rubber Company, New Haven, Connecticut.

Vice Chairman - Judge Leonard McMahon, Danbury, Connecticut.

Secretary Southern Department - Mildred M. Hall, Birmingham, Alabama.

Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer - Madelyn Cannon.

Midwest Secretary - John E. Waters, Madison, Wisconsin.

It has been reported that many of the committeemen of the League have been active in veteran circles and have included Major General E. E. Noble, former Surgeon General of the United States Army and Commander Nelson Pickering, a Connecticut manufacturer.

Under the actual leadership of Joseph P. Kamp, the Constitutional Education League, Inc., has been conducting most of its business at 842 Madison Avenue, New York City.

From the inside cover of the booklet "The Fifth Column in Washington" published in June, 1940, by the League, the following brief history of Kamp appears:

"In 1933 - 1934, Mr. Kamp was Executive Vice President of the Robert J. Wagner Democratic Association in the democratic stronghold of the Nation, Senator Robert J. Wagner's district. In September, 1934, he was named Secretary of the General Committee of the Westchester County New York democratic organization; a designation which, however, he was unable to accept. An editor of newspapers and magazines and for more than twenty years a student of subversive movements, he writes with authority."

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"The Hour" which is a mimeographed publication reported to be subsidized by the Anti-Defamation League, claims in the issue of August 17, 1940, that Kamp was one of the sponsors of the "pro-America mass meeting" which was addressed by Major John E. Kelley identified as a Fascist of Jersey City, New Jersey, who has spoken before meetings of the German-American Bund and the Christian Front. Kamp is known to have distributed anti-Semitic literature. At one time he concentrated on the distribution of the forged "Benjamin Franklin letter" relative to the Jews. Another anti-Semitic publication which Kamp distributed was "Why Are the Jews Persecuted for Their Religion?" "The Hour" further states that Kamp is known to have cooperated with William Dudley Pelley, leader of the Silver Shirts. He is reported to be an intimate acquaintance of Elizabeth Dilling, the author of the "Red Network."

Information which is unverified has been received to the effect that Kamp has an autographed photograph of Adolf Hitler in his office at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

John E. Waters who is the Midwest Chairman of the League at Madison Wisconsin, published a booklet called "Red Justice." The advertisement of this book states that Waters traveled in the Soviet Union from 1929 to 1931. He is reported to be well educated and to be a prolific "ghost writer" who has made numerous speeches against Communism. There is some indication that Waters may entertain mildly pro-German sentiments and he is regarded as being one hundred percent anti-Communist.

ACTIVITIES

The activities of the League date back approximately ten years prior to its incorporation. Among the publications issued by this League are:

- "Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America" (1937)
- "The Bell of Herrin....Rings Again" (1937)
- "Headlines and What's Behind Them" (1939)
- "The Fifth Column in Washington!" (1940)
- "The Fifth Column in the South" (1940)

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- "The Fifth Column versus the Dies Committee" (1941)
- "The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America" (1941)
- "Why Win the War and Lose What We're Fighting For" (1942)
- "Native Nazi Purge Plot" (1943)
- "Department of Justice memorandum regarding National Negro Congress" (1942)
- "Department of Justice memorandum regarding American Youth Congress" (1942)
- "What's Cookin'" (1942)
- "Famine in America" (1943)
- "Mr. Congressman: This Man Says....You Are A Traitor" (1943)

"Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America" and "The Hell of Herrin....Ages Again" both attack John L. Lewis and the CIO. Lewis is accused of being "Communistically inclined" and "a traitor to labor."

"The Fifth Column in Washington" was published in June, 1940, and contains a list of employees of the Government who are alleged to be Communists or Communist sympathizers. Among those listed are Robert Lovett, Secretary of the Virgin Islands; Robert H. Jackson, then Attorney General of the United States; Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior; and Madame Perkins, Secretary of Labor.

"The Fifth Column in the South" points out the alleged dangerous growth of Communism in that part of the country and accuses Mrs. Roosevelt of heading the Communist movement by her financial assistance to the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee. It also attacks the spread of the CIO through the South and states that the Communists and the CIO were working together particularly among the southern negroes.

"The Fifth Column versus the Dies Committee" advocates continuance of this committee. It accuses the Department of Justice of alleged attempts to bring the Dies Committee into ill repute.

"The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America" is a map which purports to indicate the various Nazi, Fascist, and Communist spots in the United States.

The pamphlet "Why Win the War and Lose What We're Fighting For," seems to be a follow-up to the pamphlet "The Fifth Column in Washington." It reiterates in substance the complaint of the Dies Committee that "Reds" have infiltrated into leading positions in our Government. It concludes with a form letter on the back page urging the President "to urge the Government of these un-American elements." It requests that this letter be sent to the President.

"Native Nazi Purge Plot," is primarily concerned with present political developments, and charges that the present administrative is attempting to purge both the Senate and the House of Representatives of those who did not support the administration's foreign policy prior to the war. It criticizes the publication entitled "The Hour" an anti-Nazi news sheet published in New York City; The Union for Democratic Action; The Communist Party; The Council for Democracy; Friends of Democracy, and other organizations, inferring both by direct statement and innuendo that these organizations are Communist dominated. The pamphlet also contains various statements lauding the activities of the Dies Committee.

The pamphlet "Department of Justice Memorandum Re: National Negro Congress," carried the words "Strictly Confidential," and "from the secret files of the FBI" on the cover. This pamphlet contains an outline of the background and activities of the National Negro Congress.

"Department of Justice Memorandum Re: American Youth Congress" also carried the words "Strictly Confidential" and "from the secret files of the FBI" on the cover. This pamphlet is similar to that on the National Negro Congress outlining the history of the American Youth Congress.

"What's Cookin'" purports to tell the "truth" about the rationing of sugar, rubber, and gas, and attempts to show a great amount of confusion among various Government agencies as to the necessity of the rationing of the above articles.

"Famine in America" is a diatribe against the administration and especially against Joseph Weiner of the Office of Civilian Supply for his "slashing" of the manufacture of farm machinery by an estimated 70%, as well as his cutting down of farm production in this country. The article quotes numerous Congressmen and concludes that there is a strong possibility of a famine in this country unless something is done to relieve the restrictions now placed on the farmers. The solution as advocated by the League, is to "purge Government Departments....of all Communist and Socialist 'class warriors,' incompetents, visionaries....and misfits," and to "place the Nation's affairs....in the hands of capable, experienced, honest experts whose loyalty to American principles of Government has never been questioned."

The pamphlet "Mr. Congressman: This Man Says....You Are a Traitor" has on the cover a photograph of Walter Winchell in the uniform of a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy. Winchell is upbraided for inferring that certain Congressmen are traitors to the country and a clipping from the Herald-Tribune dated February 9, 1943, and headed "Winchell's 'trap' story is refuted by the FBI," is reproduced on the back cover.

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The letterhead of the League reflects it was founded in 1919 as a non-political and a non-profit organization. In the immediate years prior to its incorporation in 1937 and for a time thereafter it had a group of sponsors. Concerning these original sponsors the Chamber of Commerce, New Haven, Connecticut, reports they appear above question. It is rumored that many of them resigned because the group "strayed" from its original purpose.

Reports have been received that the organization is pro-Axis. To date no information has been developed indicating the League is a subversive organization. On one occasion Gerald E. Vinrod, Wichita, Kansas, wrote a form letter endorsing the League's publication "The Fifth Column in Washington."

Detailed information concerning the financial condition of the League, covering the period of January 1, to December 31, 1939, showed total receipts of \$41,787.25, and disbursements of \$33,493.47 for the period reported.

The agency to which the financial statement was submitted attempted on a subsequent occasion to bring the financial condition of the League up to date and accordingly submitted a regular questionnaire requesting the pertinent material. The League on this occasion did not supply a financial statement but advised in effect that during the twelve-month period of 1940 over five million pieces of literature were distributed including booklets, pamphlets and "throw-aways." Speakers representing the League appeared before hundreds of gatherings, ranging in size from twenty-five to five thousand persons. The League cited as an example its activities in the State of Wisconsin, where one of its representatives spoke to assemblies of nearly one half the schools and colleges, sometimes making five appearances in one day. As a result mass meetings occurred which were sponsored jointly by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Chambers of Commerce, Service Clubs, churches and fraternal organizations. The League estimated that in this one single venture is reached between one and two hundred thousand persons.

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Mr. Elmer Davis
Director, Office of War Information
Social Security Building, Room 3362
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Washington, D. C.

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ON 1-29-01

Dear Mr. Davis:

This will have reference to your letter of May 25, 1943, with enclosure, wherein you expressed an interest in obtaining information about Mr. Joseph P. Kamp and certain organizations, namely, The American Defense Society, Inc., American Defense, and National Patriotic Council.

You are advised that the files of this Bureau contain no information which could be identified with the organization American Defense, New York City.

I am enclosing herewith memoranda setting forth data regarding The American Defense Society, Inc., the National Patriotic Council and Joseph P. Kamp, affiliated with the Constitutional Educational League, Inc.

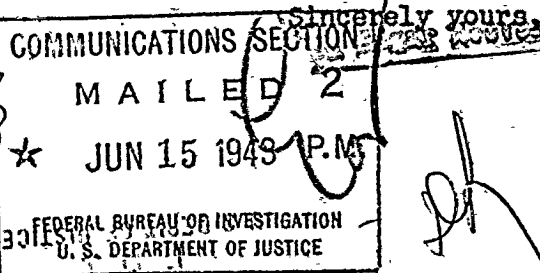
At your request, the circular letter transmitted with the letter of reference is being enclosed.

The information furnished is, of course, strictly ~~confidential~~ in character and is made available to you for your

Mr. Tolson _____ personal and confidential consideration as the head of a Government
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____ agency connected with the war effort. It should not be made
Mr. Clegg _____ available to any unauthorized persons, and in the event an in-
Mr. Coffey _____ dependent inquiry is made by you on the basis of this information,
Mr. Glavin _____ the source should not be disclosed, as to do so might interfere
Mr. Ladd _____ with this Bureau's efforts in internal security investigations or
Mr. Nichols _____ might jeopardize the sources of information which are presently
Mr. Rosen _____ available to us.

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Vice Chairman - W. Byron Swartz, Dyrn Tire and Rubber Company, New Haven, Connecticut.

Vice Chairman - Judge Leonard McMahon, Danbury, Connecticut.

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Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer - Madelyn Cannon.

Midwest Secretary - John E. Faters, Madison, Wisconsin.

It has been reported that many of the committeemen of the League have been active in veteran circles and have included Major General R. E. Noble, former Surgeon General of the United States Army and Commander Nelson Pickering, a Connecticut manufacturer.

Under the actual leadership of Joseph P. Kamp, the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., has been conducting most of its business at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

"The Hour," which is a mimeographed publication reported to be subsidized by the Anti-Defamation League, claims in the issue of August 17, 1940, that Kamp was one of the sponsors of the "pro-America mass meeting" which was addressed by Major John E. Kelley, identified as a Fascist of Jersey City, New Jersey, who has spoken before meetings of the German-American Bund and the Christian Front. Kamp is known to have distributed anti-Semitic literature. At one time he concentrated on the distribution of the forged "Benjamin Franklin letter" relative to the Jews. Another anti-Semitic publication which Kamp distributed was "Why Are the Jews Persecuted for Their Religion?" "The Hour" further states that Kamp is known to have cooperated with William Dudley Pelley, leader of the Silver Shirts. He is reported to be an intimate acquaintance of Elizabeth Dilling, the author of the "Red Network."

Information which is unverified has been received to the effect that Kamp has an autographed photograph of Adolf Hitler in his office at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

The activities of the League date back approximately ten years prior to its incorporation. Among the publications issued by this League are:

- "Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America" (1937)
- "The Hell of Herrin...Pages Again" (1937)
- "Headlines and What's Behind Them" (1939)
- "The Fifth Column in Washington!" (1940)
- "The Fifth Column in the South" (1940)
- "The Fifth Column versus the Lies Committee" (1941)
- "The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America" (1941)
- "Why Win the War and Lose What We're Fighting For" (1942)
- "Native Nazi Purge Plot" (1942)
- "Department of Justice memorandum regarding National Negro Congress" (1942)
- "Department of Justice memorandum regarding American Youth Congress" (1942)
- "That's Cookin" (1942)
- "Famine in America" (1943)

"Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America" and "The Hell of Herrin...Pages Again" both attack John L. Lewis and the CIO. Lewis is accused of being "Communistically inclined" and "a traitor to labor."

"The Fifth Column in Washington" was published in June, 1940, and contains a list of employees of the Government who are alleged to be Communists or Communist sympathizers. Among those listed are Robert Lovett, Secretary of the Virgin Islands; Robert H. Jackson, then Attorney General of the United States; Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior; and Madeline Perkins, Secretary of Labor.

"The Fifth Column in the South" points out the alleged dangerous growth of Communism in that part of the country and accuses Mrs. Roosevelt of heading the Communist movement by her financial assistance to the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee. It also attacks the spread of the CIO through the South and states that the Communists and the CIO were working together, particularly among the southern negroes.

"The Fifth Column versus the Dies Committee" advocates continuance of this committee. It accuses the Department of Justice of alleged attempts to bring the Dies Committee into ill repute.

"The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America" is a map which purports to indicate the various Nazi, Fascist, and Communist spots in the United States.

The pamphlet "Why Win the War and Lose What We're Fighting For" seems to be a follow-up to the pamphlet "The Fifth Column in Washington." It reiterates in substance the complaint of the Dies Committee that "reds" have infiltrated into leading positions in our Government. It concludes with a form letter on the back page urging the President "to purge the Government of these un-American elements." It requests that this letter be sent to the President.

"Native Nazi Purge Plot" is primarily concerned with present political developments, and charges that the present Administration is attempting to purge both the Senate and the House of Representatives of those who did not support the Administration's foreign policy prior to the war. It criticizes the publication entitled "The Hour" an anti-Nazi news sheet published in New York City, The Union for Democratic Action, the Communist Party, the Council for Democracy, Friends of Democracy, and other organizations, inferring both by direct statement and innuendo that these organizations are Communist dominated. The pamphlet also contains various statements lauding the activities of the Dies Committee.

The pamphlet "Department of Justice Memorandum Re: National Negro Congress" carried the words "Strictly Confidential" and "From the Secret Files of the FBI" on the cover. This pamphlet contains an outline of the background and activities of the National Negro Congress.

"Department of Justice Memorandum Re: American Youth Congress" also carried the words "Strictly Confidential" and "From the Secret Files of the FBI" on the cover. This pamphlet is similar to that on the National Negro Congress, outlining the history of the American Youth Congress.

"That's Cookin'" purports to tell the "truth" about the rationing of sugar, rubber, and gas, and attempts to show a great amount of confusion among various Government agencies as to the necessity of the rationing of the above articles.

"Famine in America" is a diatribe against the Administration and especially against Joseph Weiner of the Office of Civilian Supply for his "slashing" of the manufacture of farm machinery by an estimated 70 per cent, as well as his cutting down of farm production in this country. The article quotes numerous Congressmen and concludes that there is a strong possibility of a famine in this country unless something is done to relieve the restrictions now placed on the farmers. The solution, as advocated by the League, is to "purge Government Departments...of all Communist and Socialist 'class warriors,' incompetents, visionaries...and misfits," and to "place the Nation's affairs...in the hands of capable, experienced, honest experts whose loyalty to American principles of Government has never been questioned."

The letterhead of the League reflects it was founded in 1919 as a non-political and a non-profit organization. In the immediate years prior to its incorporation in 1937, and for a time thereafter, it had a group of sponsors. Concerning these original sponsors, the Chamber of Commerce, New Haven, Connecticut, reports they appear above question. It is rumored that many of them resigned because the group had strayed from its original purpose.

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THE AMERICAN DEFENSE SOCIETY, INC.

The American Defense Society, Inc., reportedly was organized in 1915 and the official stationery of this group reflects that Theodore Roosevelt was the First Honorary President. It has been stated that the American Defense Society, Inc., was a national organization of patriotic motives. From the information contained in the FBI files, it seems the society's aim for a period over the past twenty years has been a fight against Communism. Also they have reportedly issued various memoranda from time to time exposing activities of the Communist Party in the United States.

From available data the society reportedly disbanded in 1933 for the time being, but apparently subsequently reorganized, as a report entitled "The American Defense Society, Inc.; Report for Twelve Months Ending August 31, 1938," was distributed. This report consisted of fourteen pages and reportedly related to various activities on the part of the organization during that year, such as stimulating the holding of Americanization exercises in schools.

Robert Appleton, Leslie J. Tompkins, C. M. Penfield, Arnold L. Davis and Charles Stewart Davison, apparently have been the dominating figures in this organization since 1938.

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NATIONAL PATRIOTIC COUNCIL

The National Patriotic Council, which in November, 1942, had offices at 202 Maryland Building, Washington, D. C., was reportedly organized approximately eighteen years ago for the purpose of coordinating patriotic effort, advocating adequate national defense and opposing Communistic activities. In November, 1942, the officers and members of the Executive Committee were listed as follows:

Mrs. Noble Newport Potts - President

Hon. Charles Francis Adams
Mrs. Larz Anderson - Vice-Presidents
Mrs. Lowell Fletcher Hobart
Justice Curtis D. Wilbur

Lt. Col. Alfred C. Oliver, Jr. - Chaplain

Rexford L. Holmes - Secretary-Treasurer

Members Executive Committee

Mrs. Lou Ella Allen	Mrs. Robert Eugene Ridenhour
Mrs. Howard C. Boone	Mrs. Colden L'Hommedieu Ruggles
Mrs. David D. Caldwell	Mrs. M. B. Schmidt
Maj. Gen. Hanson E. Ely	Major Frank M. Smith
Col. C. J. Frankforter	Rev. Hugh W. White
Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld	Rear Admiral Clark H. Woodward
Mrs. Arthur J. O'Neill	John A. Zellers

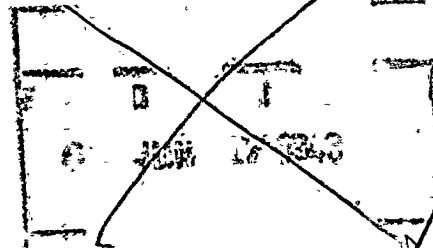
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The files of the FBI fail to reflect any disloyal activities on the part of this group.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. J. K. Mumford

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Office of War Information is interested in
obtaining information about the following organizations:

The American Defense Society, Inc.
225 Fifth Avenue
New York City

American Defense
415 Lexington Avenue
New York City

National Patriotic Council
Washington, D. C.

The latter two organizations are soliciting
subscriptions to magazines to be sent to the armed forces,
and are asking each subscriber to pay for a large number of
subscriptions.

We are also interested in a Mr. Joseph P. Kamp,
whose publication "Famine in America...Home Grown by the
Farmers from Union Square," is being distributed with a
circular letter by the American Defense Society, Inc. I
enclose this circular letter for your information and would
appreciate its return.

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Thank you for any information you may be able to

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Cordially,

Elmer Davis
Director

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Members and Friends of The American Defense Society.

While the eyes of the public are focused on the war, their free government is being stolen from them by a group of reds in key government departments, seeking the overthrow of our liberties.

The public charge has been made that 500 Reds hold key posts in the O.W.I., the "agency having access to war secrets said to be refuge for radical elements." (Reported by the N.Y.Sun).

The Sun article further states that persons previously ousted from government jobs, because of Communist sympathies, "are now firmly entrenched on the O.W.I. pay roll, where they are in constant possession of facts and plans that may not be disclosed to the honest citizenry of the country."

Some of these receive salaries of \$8,000 per year. David Karr was mentioned as an illustration. His salary is \$4,600. He was on the staff of the Communist newspaper, the Daily Worker. His real name is David Katz. He has worked as a shipping clerk and as a brush salesman. He is unable to translate or read any foreign language, yet he is Assistant Chief of the Foreign Language Division of the O.W.I.

We enclose a copy of the pamphlet, "Famine in America . . . Home Grown by the Farmers from Union Square," through the courtesy of the author, Mr. Joseph P. Kamp, who first exposed this O.W.I. situation. Special attention is called to Part IV, page 29.

We urge you to communicate with your representatives in Congress, demanding that their efforts be continued to purge the government departments, boards, bureaus, agencies, etc; that they do so with vigor and determination to the end that the objectives for which our men are fighting and dying abroad be fought with equal faith and determination here, on the home front.

Let us not win the war abroad and lose our freedom at home.

Sincerely,

Leslie J. Tompkins
Acting Chairman.

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 6/7/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/25/43	REPORT MADE BY EDWARD A. FURBUSH, JR. CB
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH PETER KAMP, ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

KAMP and HANSON contacted HICKEY in Connecticut about 1932, soliciting him for contributions to the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE. They, in turn, agreed to furnish information and assistance in connection with the anticipated Communist attempt to penetrate labor unions. HICKEY subscribed, paid several contributions of \$20 to \$25, and received many C.E.L. pamphlets at various times. None retained. No association with C.E.L. since 1939.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 61-10355.
Report of Special Agent JAMES J. BOWMAN, New Haven, April 21, 1943.

DETAILS:

EDWARD F. HICKEY, 905 Ocean Front, Santa Monica, California, advised that he owns a fur company which supplies furs to hat manufacturers in Danbury, Connecticut. At present HICKEY is retired but still is affiliated with his company. HICKEY further advised that some time during 1932 or 1933 JOSEPH KAMP and CHESTER HANSON appeared at his place of business in Danbury, Connecticut and outlined the purpose of the organization they represented, stating it was the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE. HICKEY recalls that their purpose was to obtain information pertaining to Communism infiltrating into industry by gaining control of labor unions. They agreed in return for subscriptions to furnish HICKEY with information and assistance in

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connection with an anticipated attempt by the Communists to gain control of the unions that were attempting to unionize his employees. HICKEY continued that the unions were attempting to unionize in the entire hat industry in Danbury about this time. HICKEY continued that he subscribed to the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE and donated twenty to twenty-five dollars at various times. He received many pamphlets and remembers one entitled "Fifth Column Activity in Washington", but does not remember the approximate date that he received it.

According to HICKEY, KAMP left Connecticut shortly after he arrived, but HANSON stationed himself there and took up residence at the Greene Hotel in Danbury. HICKEY related that some time during 1934 a strike occurred in the hat industry and JUNE CROW came into Danbury from New York. According to HICKEY, KAMP telephonically advised him that CROW'S purpose was to agitate the strike and that she intended to become a martyr for the cause. KAMP requested HICKEY to bail CROW out of jail where she had been placed for her activity in connection with the strike.

HICKEY concluded that he has no pamphlets that he received from the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE in his possession at this time. He has had no association with KAMP or HANSON since late 1939 or early 1940.

It should be pointed out that information was received from Mrs. JOHN W. HANES, 5465 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles, California, that she had received the documents "How to Live on \$25,000 a Year - You Will Live on \$129 a Year and Like It", and "Famine in America" through the mail and both pamphlets have been turned over to this office and are being forwarded to the Bureau. There is no legible postmark date on the envelope in which the documents were mailed, but the name CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., New Haven, Connecticut, is in the upper lefthand corner and the postmark is stamped "New Haven, Connecticut", the date being illegible. Both of these documents were copyrighted in 1943.

ENCLOSURE FOR THE BUREAU:

1 pamphlet entitled "How to Live on \$25,000 a Year? YOU'LL Live on \$129 a Year -- and LIKE it! -- Class War on the Home Front, copyrighted 1943 by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc.

1 pamphlet entitled "Famine in America", published by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

A copy of this report is being forwarded to New York inasmuch as JOSEPH P. KAMP maintains headquarters at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, and it is believed the New York Field Office has a pending file on his activities.

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You'll live on
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LIKE it!

CLASS WAR *on the* HOME FRONT

TEN CENTS A COPY

A PLAIN CITIZEN GETS A LOAD OFF HIS MIND

Dear Mr. Congressman:

I am not a plutocrat and I do NOT make \$25,000 a year. Nevertheless, I am writing to protest the salary limitation imposed by Economic Dictator Byrnes.

I admit to a selfish motive. I know that if salaries can be limited in one amount it will be but a matter of time before some bureaucrat will decide that, little as it may be, my salary is too high — that I am earning too much. I want to continue to feel free to earn the most that my time and talents will procure. That is one of the freedoms I always thought the American system of society and government guaranteed. I felt it was a fundamental part of the American way of life which most of us believe we are fighting to preserve.

If this limitation was necessary to help win the war — if a limitation of my meagre income was necessary to help win the war — it would be a different matter and everybody would accept it gladly. But, this arbitrary decree will not help — in fact there will be less money with which to finance the war because of it. It will either hinder the war or place an added burden on me and on other taxpayers with lower incomes.

Since the decree was issued in defiance of the wishes of Congress it is not only of questionable legality — it is destructive of the balances provided in the Constitution — it reeks of totalitarian dictatorship.

Congress should assert its exclusive authority to make the laws; it should protect the Treasury from loss in revenue, and it should act to preserve Constitutional government and protect it from sabotage by Marxian-minded revolutionaries. The salary limitation decree must be rescinded forthwith. I know you will be guided by your own good judgment.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN Q. CITIZEN

You can protect your own interests. Let your Representative in Congress know what you think . . . in your own words. The time to do it is Now!
HELP . . . Win the War and Preserve the Republic!

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Mr. George J. Mintzer
39 Broadway
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. Mintzer:

This is in acknowledgment of your letter of June 11, 1943, with which you enclosed certain material distributed by the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated.

I wish to express my appreciation for your cooperation in this matter and assure you that it will receive appropriate attention.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.
Director, Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed you will find several memoranda
that are being sold by Joseph Kamp of 342 Madison
Avenue, New York City. If you haven't already
seen these pamphlets, I thought they may interest
you.

You of course know that Joseph Kamp
is the moving spirit of the Constitutional
Educational League, Inc.

This corporation is named as one of
the conspirators in the sedition indictment pend-
ing in Washington, involving thirty-three def-
endants.

Cordially yours,

George J. Mintzer
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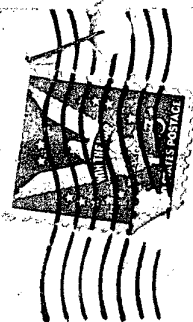
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NEW YORK

Butchers Face Shutdown as Slaughterers Plan

**Independent Packers
Say Ceilings Will Force Them
To Open Own Shops**

PM Independent slaughter houses in New York may soon be forced to buy out their own accounts—the small neighborhood butchers—to keep their own doors open. Each slaughter house is planning to become a “chain store” operator of a number of butcher shops.

The New York Office of Price Administration (OPA) says it has no objection to such a plan, but that other Federal laws may be involved.

Samuel Plaut, president of the Eastern States Independent Slaughterers and Meat Packers Assn., Inc., is in Washington for an “official OK.”

‘Only Recourse’

Plaut explained that the slaughter houses “would prefer not to drive the butchers, who are old customers and friends, out of business, but unless price ceilings are altered, it may be the only recourse left.” He blamed OPA price ceilings on wholesale meat for the situation.

For example, beef costs 28 cents a pound after the animal has been slaughtered, according to Plaut. The ceiling price is 23 cents a pound which amounts to a 5 cent loss.

“Our members would be satisfied with one-eighth cent profit per pound,” Plaut said.

Can't Sell to Butchers

Association members say it is impossible to continue selling to the butchers. Plaut said packing plants must either go out of business or go into the retail field, replacing the small neighborhood man, and becoming “one entity with the butcher shops or a chain store.” To date, Plaut indicated that chain stores also were considering buying up slaughter houses; one chain store already has done so, he said.

“We thought of going into the retail field but didn't know whether it was legal. Now the OPA has given us a ‘go-ahead’ sign. We'll check with Washington.

“If a slaughter house is smart, it will go into the retail business. I should say it must, or it must close.”

According to Plaut, beef houses have reduced their kill to about 30 per cent of normal.

Quota Near End

The Market Division of the Food Dis-
tributed, and it is expected that by the
all slaughterers in New York were notified

New York Nutshell:

ALP Protests No-Strike Bill

George S. Counts, State chairman, and Alex Rose, State secretary of the American Labor Party, have wired Vice President Wallace asking him to use his influence to bring about the “Senate defeat of the Connally-Smith anti-strike bill.” They described it as a “threat to all American labor.”

The National War Labor Board will decide a dispute between the Brooklyn Central Young Men's Christian Assn. and Social Service Employees Union, Local 19 of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO, which has lasted almost two years. Hearings begin this week in the Board's regional office.

Joseph Bernard Leonard, aviation ordinance man, of 468 Degraw St., Brooklyn, previously reported as missing, has been reported as dead, by the Navy Dept.

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO, is calling on the War Labor Board to grant wage increases to 100,000 low-paid garment and laundry workers affiliated with the union. The ACW pointed out that laundry workers in this area—in 1942, they averaged \$24.70 weekly—have been leaving the industry for better paying jobs.

Mother Killed in Fall Trying to Balk ‘Suicide’

The suicide bluff with which Tarsila Matto, 17, sought to force her mother's consent to her marriage to a sailor resulted in the mother's death and serious injury to herself.

Tarsila sat on the window sill of their third-floor home at 61 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, and threatened to jump unless her mother relented. Mrs. Celia Matto, 53, sought to restrain the girl and both lost their balance and fell to the street.

Mrs. Matto died of her injuries and the girl suffered fractures of both ankles and her right arm. Later, Tarsila told police her threat was “only a bluff to make her

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**And the Bureau and
Justice Dept. Are Plenty Mad
At Pamphleteer**

PM By LEO J. MARCOLIN
Joseph P. Kamp, whose Constitutional Educational League and its literature are named as part of the conspiracy in which 33 persons were indicted for sedition (see Page 16), is now selling pamphlets emblazoned with the unauthorized statement:

“From the Secret Files of the FBI.”

To make the “secret” information even tastier, Kamp added the exciting statement, “Strictly Confidential.”

There are nine different pamphlets which carry these statements. Kamp sells them at 5 cents each. They are as secret as this issue of PM and as confidential as a bill-board poster.

Actually, the material has been lifted from the *Congressional Record* and is Kamp's method of trying to scare people over “the Red menace.”

FBI Is Mad

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is furious with Kamp. It issued this statement:

“We have given him nothing. They (the pamphlets) were printed without the knowledge or authority of the FBI.”

About this, a Justice Dept. spokesman said:

“We certainly didn't give him any au-

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Joseph H. Kamp, whose Constitutional Educational League and its literature are named as part of the conspiracy in which 33 persons were indicted for sedition (see Page 16), is now selling pamphlets emblazoned with the unauthorized statement:

"From the Secret Files of the FBI."

To make the "secret" information even tastier, Kamp added the exciting statement, "Strictly Confidential."

There are nine different pamphlets which carry these statements. Kamp sells them at 5 cents each. They are as secret as this issue of PM and as confidential as a billboard poster.

Actually, the material has been lifted from the *Congressional Record* and is Kamp's method of trying to scare people over "the Red menace."

FBI Is Mad

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is furious with Kamp. It issued this statement:

"We have given him nothing. They (the pamphlets) were printed without the knowledge or authority of the FBI."

About this, a Justice Dept. spokesman said:

"We certainly didn't give him any au-

thority to use the Department's name."

The Justice Dept. hasn't decided yet what to do about Kamp's unauthorized use of its name and that of the FBI.

Kamp admitted to PM that he received no authority to use the names. He also conceded that maybe they weren't "so secret."

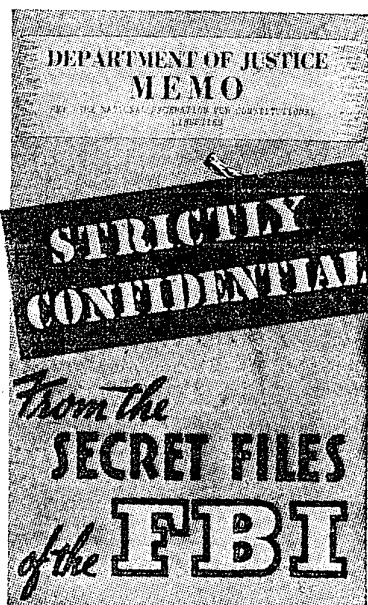
"Why split hairs?" he said. "If they're not the secret files of the FBI what are they?"

The pamphlet material purports to tell the inside story of the National Negro Congress, the American Peace Mobilization, the American League Against War and Fascism, National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, Washington Committee for Democratic Action, League for American Writers, the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties and the Washington Co-operative Bookshop.

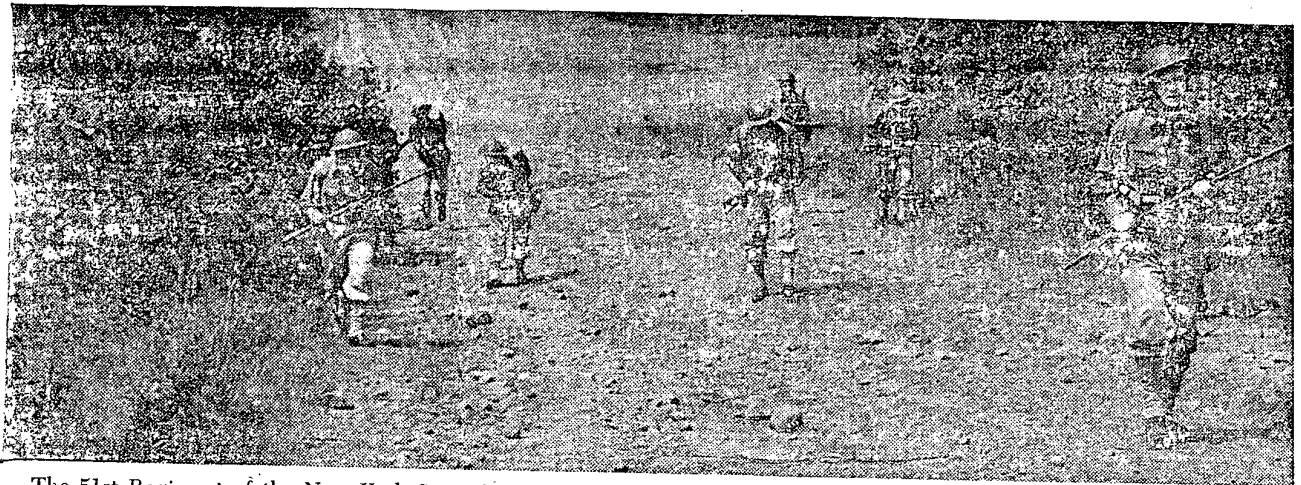
It was membership in or being on the mailing list of these groups that Rep. Martin Dies wanted 1121 Government employees fired as "subversive."

'Insult to Congress'

On Aug. 20 Attorney General Biddle announced that the FBI had spent \$100,000 to find that only two of the 1121 were actually Communists.



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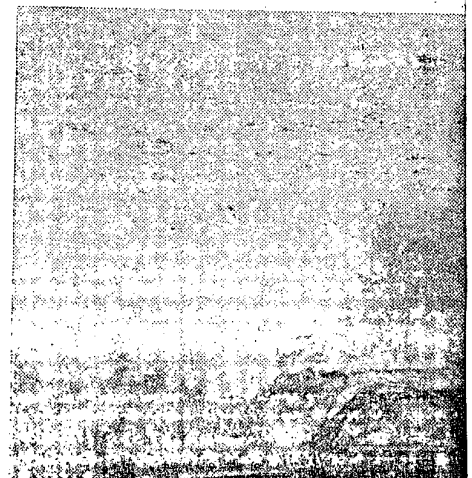
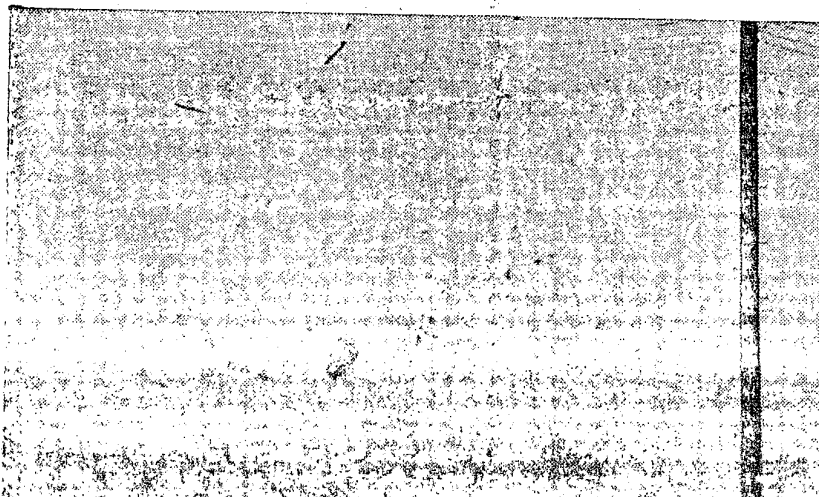
The 51st Regiment of the New York State Guard was rushed out yesterday to meet a mock invasion of Staten Island. Here some of the men move ahead

in a formation called "advance rough d of the enemy's landing troops.



State Guardsmen move through a smoke screen in the realistic maneuvers on Staten Island. The battle was worked out in all its details, with carrier

pigeons taking the latest tidings back to Guard's task was to hold the enemy un



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW HAVEN, CONN.**

Milwaukee FILE NO. **61-247**

REPORT MADE AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	DATE WHEN MADE 6/17/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/25/43	REPORT MADE BY ALEXANDER D. MANSON ADM/blb
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; Joseph Peter Kamp; Chester A. Hanson; W. Byron Swartz; John E. Waters; Frank Murphy			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JOHN E. WATERS has maintained a personal checking account at the First National Bank, Madison, Wisconsin, since about 1933. Average balance estimated as approximately \$50.00, and activity on the account believed to be entirely in connection with personal expenses. Informant states that **WATERS** has solicited funds for the Constitutional Defense League, but believes that these contributions were made directly payable to the League in New Haven.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **JAMES J. BOWMAN** dated 4/21/43 at New Haven, Conn.

DETAILS:

AT MADISON, WISCONSIN:

Mr. **S. R. SCHMIDT**, of the Madison Rating Bureau, advised that **JOHN E. WATERS** was listed in his files as having resided at 1555 Adams Street since 1934, and as earning a salary of approximately \$1,500 per annum as a writer and lecturer for the Constitutional Educational League, of New Haven, Conn. Mr. **SCHMIDT** said that this figure was an un-confirmed estimate, and he added that **WATERS'** wife is a full time case worker for the Dane County Relief Department at a salary of \$1,200 per annum. The Credit Record showed that **WATERS** carried an account with the First National Bank in Madison, which had been rated satisfactory by that bank in 1941.

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Confidential Informant T-1 stated that he had known JOHN E. WATERS since about 1927, and that WATERS was then an automobile salesman for the Willys Overland Company in Madison. About 1931 WATERS left this position and went to Russia as an advisor on agricultural matters in connection with the Five Year Plan of that time. In 1933 WATERS returned from Russia to Madison, and at that time, opened an account with the First National Bank, and the Informant believes that it was also about that time that WATERS became connected with the Constitutional Defense League. The Informant said that the average balance of the bank account had been approximately \$50.00 from 1933 to the present, and that the activities therein had very obviously been almost entirely in connection with WATERS' personal expenses. It was the opinion of this Informant that WATERS was living a more or less "hand-to-mouth" existence financially speaking, and on several occasions the bank advanced him loans of from \$50.00 to \$100.00 to pay his expenses in connection with trips which he made covering his work. T-1 believes that WATERS' only means of livelihood is in connection with the Constitutional Defense League, and he added that WATERS often gave him samples of the League's literature, most of which he threw away without reading. He showed the writer a copy of the latest pamphlet which he had received from WATERS, which was entitled "Famine in America". The pamphlet was written by JOSEPH KAMP, bore the name of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., and was priced at \$.25. The contents consisted of quotations from various legislative and public officials denouncing Government policies on the National Food Program, with particular reference to the statements of various Bureau officials in the Government, many of whom were branded as pro-Communist and radical.

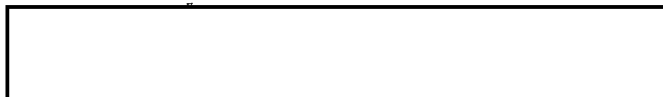
Confidential Informant T-1 further stated that there was no record of the Constitutional Educational League ever having had an account in the First National Bank, but he knew that WATERS had solicited funds for this League. He believed, however, that all contributions were accepted in the form of checks payable to the Constitutional Educational League at New Haven, Conn., and it was his opinion that WATERS transferred these checks directly to the eastern headquarters. It was the Informant's opinion that WATERS was a respectable, loyal citizen, and he believed that most of WATERS' work consisted of making anti-Communist speeches throughout the Middle West on behalf of the Constitutional Educational League.

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Confidential Informant T-1:



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and his identity has been kept confidential
at his specific request.

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To: Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith
Chief
Special War Policies Unit

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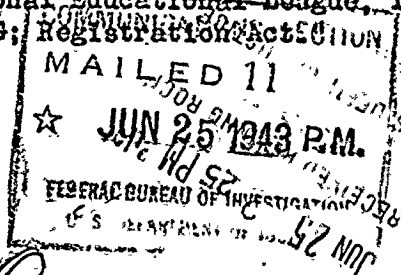
For your information there are attached photostatic copies of
the following pamphlets being distributed by the captioned organization:

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1. "Department of Justice Memo Re: ~~National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, National Committee for People's Rights"~~
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Also attached is a copy of the report of Special Agent Edward A. ~~Nurbush, Jr.~~, dated June 7, 1943, at Los Angeles, California, and captioned "Constitutional Educational League, Inc.; Joseph Peter Kamp, et al; Internal Security - G; Registration Act"



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Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a communication which came to us
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Madison, Wisconsin. Some startling statements
are made in this letter and this situation might
bear looking into, if you have not already done
so.

Yours for Victory,

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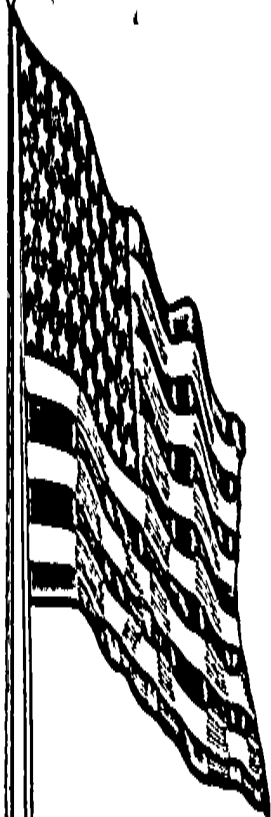
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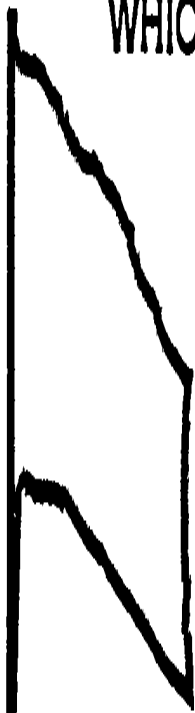
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OFFICE OF
JOHN E. WATERS
MIDWEST SECRETARY

June 12, 1943

Mr. O. T. Jacobsen, President
Jacobsen Mfg. Company
747 Washington Avenue
Racine Wisconsin

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Dear Mr. Jacobsen:

At the suggestion of a well known Wisconsin business executive, I am sending you, under separate cover, one copy of our new booklet "FAMINE IN AMERICA.....Home Grown by the Farmers from Union Square".

This booklet not only highlights the serious food and farm situation, but also documents charges that an international, Marxian clique on the U. S. Government payroll is using its power and influence to destroy the Capitalistic system and to socialize the United States, even at the risk of losing the war.

If we are to avert catastrophe at home and abroad, it will be necessary to arouse the American people. Accordingly, the message in this booklet should be given the widest possible circulation.

In order to do this, we will need the help of alert citizens who realize the necessity of combatting the enemies of our system of society and government and the American way of life. We, therefore, bespeak your interest, cooperation and support.

Faithfully yours

John E. Waters
John E. Waters
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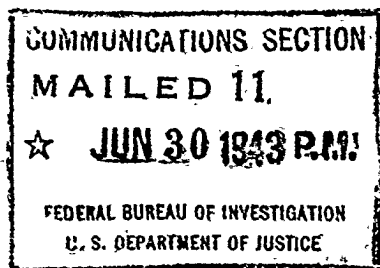
This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication of June 16, 1943, with which you transmitted information concerning the Constitutional Educational League, Madison, Wisconsin.

I appreciate the spirit of cooperation which prompted you to send this material to me. Its contents have been carefully noted and will receive appropriate attention.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director, FBI

RE: ~~FAMINE IN AMERICA~~ Published by
Constitutional Educational League;
INTERNAL SECURITY.

Dear Sir:

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

There is being enclosed herewith a booklet entitled "Famine in America" edited by JOSEPH P. KAMP and published by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., New Haven, Connecticut, in 1943.

Inasmuch as the Butte Field Division has no further use for the above publication, same may be retained in the Bureau files.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth Logan
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FILE NO. **100-1914**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 6/26/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/3, 8/43	REPORT MADE BY ERNEST A. JONSON EAJ/OP
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC; Et Al			CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - G REGISTRATION ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>No record of JOHN BROSS LLOYD being beneficiary of a trust fund at either Continental Illinois National Bank or First National Bank of Chicago.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;"> DEFERRED FOR JUNE 30 1943 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 1-27-01 BY 3906312WJ/ARL </p> <p>Reference: Report of Special Agent W. PAUL McWHORTER dated May 22, 1943, at New York</p> <p>Bureau File #61-10355. Bureau letter to New Haven dated June 4, 1943.</p> <p>Details: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</p> <p>Confidential Informant T-1 advised that there was no record of JOHN BROSS LLOYD being the beneficiary of a trust fund at the Continental Illinois National Bank. T-1 further advised that LLOYD did not have either a checking or a savings account at the Continental Illinois National Bank, and further that it would be impossible to trace the check for \$18,750 reported to be paid monthly, and the check for \$93,750 paid to Lloyd on December 30, 1942. T-1 further advised that the Chicago Tribune carried all of their accounts at the First National Bank of Chicago; and that if LLOYD were a beneficiary of a trust fund set up by the Chicago Tribune, it would undoubtedly be at the First National Bank of Chicago.</p> <p>T-1 was familiar with the name of BROSS LLOYD, and stated that it was his impression that WILLIAM BROSS LLOYD was one of the founders of the Tribune.</p>			
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Confidential Informant T -2 advised that there was no record at the First National Bank of Chicago of JOHN BROSS LLOYD having either a checking or savings account, or being a beneficiary of a trust fund maintained at the First National Bank of Chicago.

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FILE NO. **100-852 MER**

REPORT MADE AT ALBANY, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 6/24/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/3/43	REPORT MADE BY JESSE L. ORR (A)
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH PETER KAMP; CHESTER A. HANSON; W. BYRON SWARTZ; JOHN E. WATERS; FRANK MURPHY; JOHN BROSS LLOYD			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Records of State Bank of Albany reflect LLOYD's account closed since 1940. Unable to ascertain any connection with CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. No record of LLOYD's source of income.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File #61-10355.
Report of Special Agent W. PAUL McWHORTER, 5/22/43, New York City

DETAILS: Mr. CORRIE, Vice President of the State Bank of Albany, advised that subject LLOYD's account had been closed since 1940, and the records of the bank do not reflect any connection which LLOYD might have had with the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., and it is impossible to ascertain LLOYD's source of income.

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Re: ^Q CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE INC.; ET AL
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Dear Sir:

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

On June 10, 1943 Special Agent W. Paul McWhorter, of this office, purchased certain pamphlets at the offices of the Constitutional Educational League Inc., 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

The pamphlets are described as follows and are enclosed herewith:

Two pamphlets entitled DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MEMO - Re: ~~AMERICAN~~
YOUTH CONGRESS.

Two pamphlets entitled DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MEMO - Re: ~~WASHINGTON~~
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Two pamphlets entitled DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MEMO - Re: ~~NATIONAL~~
NEGRO CONGRESS.

Two pamphlets entitled DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MEMO - Re: ~~LEAGUE OF~~
AMERICAN WRITERS.

Two pamphlets entitled DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MEMO - Re: ~~THE NATIONAL~~
FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES.

Two pamphlets entitled DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MEMO - Re: ~~WASHINGTON~~
COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION.

Two pamphlets entitled DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MEMO - Re: ~~NATIONAL~~
COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS - ~~NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR~~
PEOPLE'S RIGHTS.

Two pamphlets entitled DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MEMO - Re: ~~AMERICAN~~
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Two pamphlets entitled DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MEMO - Re: THE AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM - THE AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY.

All of the above pamphlets purported to be FROM THE SECRET FILES OF THE FBI.

There is also enclosed herewith one pamphlet entitled FAMINE IN AMERICA. This pamphlet sells for 25 cents per copy, and the secretary in the offices of the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE stated there had already been a distribution of over 500,000 copies. An effort was made to ascertain the manner of distribution without disclosing the purpose for the purchase of the above pamphlets, but with negative results.

Very truly yours

E. E. Conroy *me*

E. E. CONROY
SAC

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

100 Milk Street
Boston 9, Massachusetts

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July 1, 1943

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Director, FBI

Re: THE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL
LEAGUE, INCORPORATED

Dear Sir:

As a result of a complaint received in this office from Mrs. Edwin H. Jose, Hotel Puritan, Boston, Massachusetts, an Agent of this Bureau contacted her and was shown a pamphlet entitled, "Public Law No. 135 from the Secret Files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation". This pamphlet is purported to be a true copy of the report in the files of the Bureau at Washington on the investigation conducted of the American Youth Congress in connection with the Communist Party. The pamphlet was published by the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, with headquarters at 831 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

The above facts are submitted for the information of the Bureau and no further action is being taken by this office at the present time.

Yours truly,

C. E. Hennrich
CARL E. HENNRICH *ep*
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Date: July 10, 1943

To: SAC, New Haven

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC., ET AL;
INTERNAL SECURITY, G; REGISTRATION ACT

All offices receiving copies of this letter are directed to immediately complete the investigation presently outstanding within their respective territories and submit the results to the Bureau within the immediate future.

cc Albany
New York

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: Joseph P. Kamp et al
Registration Act

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On July 5th while discussing the current sedition indictments outstanding in the District of Columbia with Mr. O. John Rogge of the Criminal Division it was learned by Supervisor D. A. Flinn that the former is to proceed to New York City on July 7, 1943. Rogge stated he has learned from Sanford Griffith that the wife of a Naval officer is presently employed at the Office of the Constitutional Educational League. This woman reportedly has become disgruntled with her employment and expects to quit her position in the near future. While in New York City, Rogge is going to attempt to learn the identity of this woman, with the purpose in mind of making her available to the New York Office as a possible informant in this case. If he is successful in securing the name of this woman, he wants to immediately communicate it to the proper Special Agent handling the instant case in New York. He was told if he would call the New York Office and supply the facts secured by him that they would be furnished to the interested Agent.

Assistant SAC Harry Kimball was contacted telephonically at the above time and furnished the above information so that it could be given the appropriate handling at the time any advice is received from Mr. Rogge. No further action is necessary at this time.

Respectfully,

F. L. Welch
F. L. Welch



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
500 Widener Building
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Director, FBI

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL
LEAGUE, INC. et al

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Dear Sir:

On June 18, 1943, Special Agent PEIRCE WOOD found in an elevator of the Widener Building in which the Philadelphia Office is located a photostat negative of an envelope addressed to "Constitution Education League, Inc., 342 Madison Avenue, New York City". The return address on the envelope was Mrs. MARIE E. NAHILL, 3352 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Upon learning that the photostat stock was of a type not used in this office, Agent WOOD made discreet inquiries at the Office of the Anti-Defamation Council, which is on the eighth floor of the Widener Building, the character of which organization is known to the Bureau.

On June 25, 1943, JESSE LAVANTHAL, one of the officials of the Anti-Defamation Council, stated that recently they had received a request from one of their correspondent organizations in Washington, D. C. asking them to address a letter to the "Constitution Education League, Inc." answering advertisements which the latter organization has placed in various periodicals for the sale of material which purports to be confidential reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

LAVANTHAL stated that in response to this request, they received documents purporting to be Federal Bureau of Investigation reports on the activities of the American Negro Congress, the American League for Peace and Democracy, and the International Workers Order.

It is noted that there is no postmark or stamp cancellation on the photostat. It is therefore being assumed by this

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office that prior to sending their letter to the Constitution Educational League, Inc., the Anti-Defamation Council had it photostated for record purposes.

LAVANTHAL pointed out that their letter to subject organization was sent in a "straw" name.

This information is being sent to the Bureau in the event it has not already come to the Bureau's attention, and no further investigation is contemplated by the Philadelphia Field Division.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Sears
J. F. SEARS

Special Agent in Charge

PW:jtm

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CC New York

New Haven

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Date: July 13, 1943

To: SAC, New Haven

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE INC., et al
REGISTRATION ACT

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There are enclosed for your information two copies of the
testimony of [redacted] before a Special Grand Jury sitting in
the District Court of the United States for the [redacted]
in the case entitled, "United States of America v. [redacted]
[redacted] et al." This testimony was taken on [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH
CHIEF, SPECIAL WAR POLICIES UNIT

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE INC., et al
REGISTRATION ACT

There is being returned herewith the transcript
of proceedings before the Special Grand Jury in the United
States District Court for the [redacted] in the
case entitled, "United States of America v. [redacted]
[redacted] et al," which included the testimony of [redacted]

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I appreciate your cooperation in furnishing this
material to me.

Very truly yours,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Constitutional Educational League

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Reference is made to your memorandum of June 16, 1943 in which you request a transcript of the testimony of [redacted] on [redacted] before the Federal Grand Jury at [redacted]. In response to your request I send you herewith a transcript of the testimony taken by the Grand Jury in the District Court of the United States for the [redacted] testimony begins at page [redacted]

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Respectfully,

Chester T. Lane

Chester T. Lane
Associate Chief
Special War Policies Unit
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WAR DEPARTMENT
Military Intelligence Service
Washington

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Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

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L. R. FORNEY
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14 June 1943

Subject: ^(u) CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Military Intelligence Service
War Department
Washington, D.C.

1. This office is in receipt of six pamphlets recently published by the CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE entitled "Department of Justice Memo (here is inserted the subject of the particular pamphlet as shown listed below) Strictly Confidential from the Secret Files of the FBI." The subjects of the pamphlets were as follows:

- Re: Washington Cooperative Book Shop
- Re: The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties
- Re: American Peace Mobilization
American People's Mobilization
- Re: League of American Writers
- Re: The American League Against War and Fascism
The American League for Peace and Democracy
- Re: National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners
National Committee for People's Rights

2. This is transmitted for your information. The originals were supplied to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York office.

For the Director of Intelligence:

GEO. W. HILLMAN, JR.
Colonel, G. S. C.
Executive Officer

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

July 15, 1943

File # ~~100-211550-1~~

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Anonymous Handprinted Documents
Paducah, Kentucky, June 4, 1943
CUSTODIAL DETENTION - X

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Examination requested by: Louisville (100-0)

Reference: Letter dated June 21, 1943

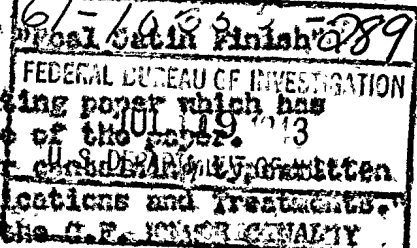
Examination requested: Cryptographic -- Document

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Specimens:

- Q1 One handprinted message on document entitled "Recreation Program Veterans Administration, Downey, Illinois" for March 22 through March 23.
- Q2 One handprinted message on document entitled "Recreation Program Veterans Administration, Downey, Illinois" for March 29 through April 4 with the word "Black-hole" at the top of the page.
- Q3 One handprinted message on document entitled "Recreation Program Veterans Administration, Downey, Illinois" for March 29 through April 4 with the name "Elvirva" at the top of the page.
- Q4 One handprinted message on document entitled "Recreation Program Veterans Administration, Downey, Illinois" for March 29 through April 4 with no writing across the top of the page.
- Q5 One handprinted message on cover of "Real Catlin Finish" writing tablet.
- Q6 Handprinted message on piece of writing paper which has the alphabet typewritten on one side of the paper.
- Q7 Handprinted message on writing paper, enclosed in a handwritten inscription "Patients Receiving Medications and Treatments."
- Q8 Handprinted message on envelope of the U.S. Veterans Administration, 2601, West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., add to U.S. Veterans Administration, Mr. E. K. RICKER, Supply Officer, North Chicago, Illinois.
- Q9 Handprinted message on envelope of Echo Review, a Monthly Review of Therapy issued by ROYAL LA ROCHE, INC., and ROYAL-CROQUANT, INC., Rutley, N. J.

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- Q10 Handprinted message on official envelope of Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C. addressed to Manager, Veterans Administration, Downey, Ill.
- Q11 Handprinted message on statement of TRAX-TAMM COAL CO., 8 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, to Veterans Administration Facility, Downey, Ill.
- Q12 One rotogravure Newspaper clipping.
- Q13 One newspaper clipping.
- Q14 One plain black wrapping paper.
- Q15 One heavy blue card.
- Q16 One Prince Albert tobacco can.

The above-mentioned Specimens Q1 through Q16 were examined for the presence of code and cipher messages with negative results. All the names appearing on the above-mentioned Specimens were searched through the Laboratory's Watch List File with negative results. It is of interest to note, however, that the name Joseph Peter Kamp, which appears on Specimen Q1, may be the same as the subject of the Bureau's file number 61-10355, International Educational League, Inc; Joseph Peter Kamp et al, and also the name Gerda Lelind, which appears on Specimen Q3, may be the same as the subject of the Bureau file #100-133022 Re Gertrude Anna Lelind alias Gerda Lelind.

It was noted during the course of the examination that the signature Jack Hajka or Haka appeared a number of times in the lower right hand corner of the specimen where one would naturally write his signature. This may possibly be the name of the subject who wrote on the above specimens.

From the appearance, spelling, and disconnected thoughts appearing on the above-mentioned specimens, it seems to appear that the subject is a mental case. Four of the specimens, upon which there appeared handprinting by the subject, are titled "Recreation Program, Veterans Administration, Downey, Illinois," which may be an indication that the subject is a patient of the above-mentioned institution.

As a result of a search in the file of writings pertaining to National Security, it was found Specimens Q1 through Q11 were prepared by the same person who wrote Specimens Q1 through Q6 in the case entitled "Documents Seized in Indelible Pencil; [redacted] Informant; Internal Security," Bureau file #100-163375 submitted by Springfield, December 17, 1942.

Specimens Q17 and Q18 of the instant case, which consists of material similar to Specimens Q1 through Q11 of the instant case, were also prepared by the individual who prepared all of the above-mentioned Specimens. Specimens Q17 and Q18 were received in the Laboratory at approximately the same time Specimens Q1 through Q11 were received.

It is of interest to note, however, the vicinity of vital industry in which Specimens Q1 through Q16, Q17 and Q18, as well as

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Specimens Q1 through Q6 in file #100-160376 were found. Specimens Q1 through Q16 of the above-entitled case were found in the South Yard of the Illinois Central Railroad Company in Paducah, Kentucky. Specimens Q17 and Q18 of the above-entitled case were found in the plant of the Union Electric Company of Missouri. Specimens Q1 through Q3 in 100-160376 were found along the railroad right-of-way near the Cahara Coal Mines, Carrier Hills, Illinois. The remaining three Specimens Q4 through Q6 were found on a strip of mine property in the vicinity of Carrier Hills, Illinois.

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JOSEPH KAMP

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New York, N. Y.,

July 2, 1943.

Every now and then a writer appears on the scene who, in spite of the fact that he might be a communist or a socialist, is able to get facts that tag him as an individual who knows his way around.

Here in New York City at the present time is an individual who speaks his mind and we are positive that he has just about as close contact with the Jewish groups as anyone in this country. Below is an article from his pen which was written in New York on June 30. There are no comments on said article.

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The Article

Here is more about the intricate network of anti-union and anti-Semitic propagandists. Today's cast of characters are Joseph Kamp, a mysterious anti-New Deal operator who directs the Constitutional Educational League; the late A. Cloyd Gill, former director of the League's Research Division; and several pro-fascists.

This story starts a few hours after the U. S. Army ended the Detroit riots. At that time Ku Klux Klansmen began distributing inside the Ford River Rouge Plant, copies of the "Benjamin Franklin Prophecy," the long exposed forgery which purported to show that Franklin feared the "international power of the Jews."

A. Cloyd Gill has been frequently reported in reliable circles as the author of the "Prophecy", Gill and Kamp were closely associated in the Constitutional Educational League until the former died last April.

They peddled thousands of anti-New Deal and anti-CIO pamphlets. Since Gill's death, Kamp has been operating alone. Recently he angered the Department of Justice by selling a set of nine booklets labeled "Strictly Confidential," from the Secret Files

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So heavy have Kamp's sales become, he now appears to be one of the nation's largest single operators against the liberals and unions. Despite the League's character and Kamp's record, intelligence divisions of certain branches of our armed services have accepted his reports on alleged subversive outfits.

So well thought of was Kamp in some government circles that one Naval official recently wrote to the League executive that "meanwhile I will endeavor to cooperate along the lines suggested by you."

Perhaps the naval officer did not know that a comparatively short time before that letter was dispatched, Kamp was executive editor of the Awakener at the same time that the nation's leading "intellectual fascist", Lawrence Dennis, was the Awakener's assistant editor.

Under Kamp and Dennis the magazine carried articles by John Eoghan Kelly, recently tried in a federal court on charges of being an unregistered agent of Generalissimo Franco. Another featured writer was Harry A. Jung, head of the anti-labor American Vigilante Assn. Jung has good connections in America First circles.

Jung is friendly with Gerald K. Smith and the Chicago isolationist groups, which include at least one wealthy publisher there. Jung has been boasting that he has been ghost-writing the speeches of an isolationist, anti-labor Republican Congressman from Michigan. In addition to distributing literature published by the Constitutional Educational League, this Congressman has recently been the chief speaker at America First Party rallies.

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Kamp, who has referred to CIO leaders as "saboteurs," has entree to some official security agencies. He has been seen in the office of prominent isolationist Senators. He is a friend of Congressmen who are linked with Gerald L. K. Smith and are helping the America First Party build a strong isolationist mid-west political network.

There are others too numerous to mention here. These people exchange information and use their official positions to bolster each other. Some of them operate just out

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of reach of the Justice Department by substituting subterfuges such as the word "refugee" for Jew, they avoid overt anti-Semitism and outright fascist propaganda.

And yet the nation is surprised when this well prepared hat propaganda, reacting on the jittery war nerves of workers in crowded cities and war production centers, flares into race riots, and bills such as the Connally-Smith Act become law.

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